

### Engineering Fundamentals Stormwater

### The Rational Method

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### Simplify Rainfall with Design Storms



### Simplifying Rainfall

Rainfall is complex Need to simplify Easier to calculate and analyse





### Design Storms

Hypothetical rainfall events Simulate natural rainfall events Based on historical rainfall data Design storm classified by:

- Storm burst duration
- Storm frequency

Example:

- 1% AEP storm with 10 minute burst duration; or
- Q<sub>100</sub> event with storm burst of 10 minutes





Anatomy of a Storm Pre-storm rainfall Pre-burst rainfall Storm burst rainfall Post-burst rainfall







### Complete Storm

Entirety of a rainfall event Includes:

- Build-up
- Peak
- Decline





#### Storm Burst

Rational Method based on analysing the storm burst.





### Very frequent Storms

Light rainfall intensity Likely to occur multiple times a year





### Frequent Storms

Light to moderate rainfall 63% to 18% chance of occurring in any given year

 $Q_1$  to  $Q_5$  event







### Infrequent Storms

Heavy rainfall intensity

10% to 1% chance of occurring in any given year

 $Q_{10}$  to  $Q_{100}$  event





#### Rare Storms

Very heavy rainfall

0.5% to 0.1% chance of occurring in any given year

 $Q_{200}$  to  $Q_{1000}$  event





### Extremely Rare Storms

Extreme rainfall

0.05% to 0.02% chance of occurring in any given year

 $\mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{2000}}$  to  $\mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{5000}}$  event





### Storm Frequency

Storms broadly grouped as:

- Very frequent
- Frequent
- Infrequent
- Rare
- Extremely Rare
- Extreme

Frequency	EV	AEP	AEP	ARI
Descriptor	ET	(%)	(1 in X)	(Years)
Very frequent	12			
	6	99.75	1.002	0.17
	4	98.17	1.02	0.25
	3	95.02	1.05	0.33
	2	86.47	1.16	0.50
Frequent	1	63.20	1.58	1.00
	0.69	50.00	2	1.44
	0.50	39.35	2.54	2.00
	0.22	20.00	5	4.48
	0.20	18.13	5.52	5.00
Infrequent	0.11	10.00	10	9.49
	0.05	5.00	20	20
	0.02	2.00	50	50
	0.01	1.00	100	100
Rare	0.005	0.50	200	200
	0.002	0.20	500	500
	0.001	0.10	1000	1000
Extremely	0.0005	0.05	2000	2000
Rare	0.0002	0.02	5000	5000
Extreme			PMP	



### Storm Frequency

Frequency measured in:

- Exceedances per year (EY)
- Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP)
- Average Recurrence Interval (ARI)

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### Storm Frequency

For civil engineering design:

- Common frequencies shown
- ARI not used anymore
- AEP preferred terminology

Frequency Descriptor	EY	AEP (%)	Q <sub>y</sub>	Typical Use Case	
Very frequent	4	98.17	Q <sub>3month</sub>	Stormwater quality (WSUD)	
Frequent	1	63.20	Q1	Stormwater longitudinal (pit and pipe), culvert design	
	0.50	39.35	Q <sub>2</sub>		
	0,20	18.13	Q <sub>5</sub>		
Infrequent	0.11	10.00	Q <sub>10</sub>		
	0.05	5.00	Q <sub>20</sub>	Roofwater design (eaves gutters)	
	0.02	2.00	Q <sub>50</sub>	Floodplain management, waterway design, major storm event analysis	
	0,01	1.00	Q <sub>100</sub>		



### Local Standards and Guidelines

Queensland Urban Drainage Manual (QUDM):

- Widely adopted throughout Queensland.
- QUDM's Time of Concentration processes are used across Australia, not just Queensland.









Allows us to calculate how much stormwater will runoff at any given location.



Source: Google 2023





Hydrological method

Estimates peak discharge from rainfall runoff

Used for over 150 years

Based on

- Rainfall intensity
- Catchment area
- Catchment response to runoff





Relies on the following assumptions:

- A storm burst of duration equal to the time of concentration will yield the maximum or peak discharge rate.
- Entire watershed receives uniform rainfall during this time of concentration.

 $2 = \frac{CIA}{360}$ 





### What is Time of Concentration?



The Rational Method Equation



- $Q_v$  Peak flow rate (m<sup>3</sup>/s) for AEP of 1 in 'y' years
- C<sub>v</sub> Coefficient of runoff (discharge) for AEP of 1 in 'y' years
- A Catchment area (ha)
- <sup>t</sup>I<sub>y</sub> Average rainfall intensity (mm/h) for a design duration of 't' hours and AEP of 1 in 'y' years
- t Nominal design storm duration defined by time of concentration, t (min)



### t = time of concentration

The time it takes for stormwater runoff to travel from the farthest point of the catchment to the outlet.

'Farthest point' refers to time not length.



### Time of Concentration Components

- Various components relating to catchment conditions.
- Some components may not be applicable in certain catchments.
- Single or combination of components make up the 'flow path'.











Roof to Main System Connection Kerb Flow

Pipe Flow



Channel Flow

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Overland Sheet Flow



Concentrated Overland Flow





### Roof to Main System Connection



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• Rainfall runs off roof, through downpipes into a pipe connection.





### Roof to Main System Connection

• Time taken for rainfall to runoff from roof to street.





Roof to Main System Connection

#### t = 5 minutes









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### Kerb Flow

- Movement of stormwater over the road surface.
- Stormwater accumulates on the road and flows downhill due to gravity.





### Kerb Flow





#### Kerb Flow

$$t = \frac{0.025L}{S^{0.5}}$$

- t Time of gutter flow (min)
- L Length of gutter flow (m)
- S Slope of gutter (%)









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# Pipe Flow

Movement of stormwater through a pipe or conduit.

Common occurrence in urban environments.





# Pipe Flow





#### Pipe Flow

$$t = \frac{L}{60V}$$

- t Pipe flow (min)
- L Pipeline length (m)
- V Pipe velocity (m/s)









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#### **Channel Flow**



#### Channel Flow

Refers to engineered channels. e.g. table drains, swales.





# Channel Flow







#### Manning's Equation

$$V = \frac{1}{n} R^{\frac{2}{3}} S^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

- V Average velocity (m/s)
- n Manning's roughness coefficient
- R Hydraulic radius (m)
- S Friction slope (m/m)



#### Manning's Equation – Rearranged to Solve for Time

$$t = \frac{L}{60V} = \frac{nL}{60R^{\frac{2}{3}}S^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

- V Average velocity (m/s)
- n Manning's roughness coefficient
- R Hydraulic radius (m)
- S Friction slope (m/m)
- L Length of reach (m)
- t Travel time (min)









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#### **Overland Sheet Flow**



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Overland Sheet Flow Time





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#### Overland Sheet Flow – Friend's Equation

 $t = \frac{107nL^{0.333}}{S^{0.2}}$ 

- t Overland sheet flow travel time (min)
- n Horton's surface roughness factor
- L Overland sheet flow path length (m)
- S Slope of surface (%)

Table 4.6.4 – Recommended maximum length of overland sheet flow

Surface condition	Assumed maximum flow length (m)			
Steep (say >10%) grassland	20			
(Horton's n = 0.045)	20			
Steep (say >10%) bushland	50			
(Horton's n = 0.035)	50			
Medium gradient (approx. 5%)	100			
bushland or grassland				
Flat (0–1%) bushland or	200			
grassland	200			

Surface Condition	Horton's n
Paved surface	0.015
Bare soil surface	0.0275
Poorly grassed surface	0.035
Average grassed surface	0.045
Densely grassed surface	0.060



#### Overland Sheet Flow – Kinematic Wave Equation

$$t = \frac{6.94(Ln^*)^{0.6}}{I^{0.4}S^{0.3}}$$

- t Overland travel time (min)
- L Overland sheet flow path length (m)
- n<sup>\*</sup> Surface roughness coefficient
- I Rainfall intensity (mm/h)
- S Slope of surface (m/m)

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Surface Type	Horton's Roughness Coefficient n*
Concrete or asphalt	0.010 - 0.013
Bare sand	0.010 - 0.016
Gravelled surface	0.012 - 0.030
Bare clay-loam soil (eroded)	0.012 - 0.033
Sparse vegetation	0.053 - 0.130
Short grass paddock	0.100 - 0.200
Lawns	0.170 - 0.480









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# Concentrated Overland Flow



#### Concentrated Overland Flow (Natural Channel)

Overland sheet flow starts at top of catchment.

After sheet flow reaches limit, flows turn into concentrated channel flow.







#### Concentrated Overland Flow (Natural Channel)

QUDM Figure 4.5 estimates flow time in channels.

Measure flow distance (length of natural channel) and fall of channel.

Obtain flow time from Figure 4.5.

Multipliers used depending on channel type.

Multiplier	Flow path
1	Kerb and gutter channels
1	Stormwater pipes
1	Open channels
2	Blade-cut earth drains
3	Natural channels
4	Grassed swales





# $Q = \frac{CIA}{360}$





#### Coefficient of Runoff or

# Coefficient of Discharge (QUDM)



# Coefficient of Runoff

Ratio of total runoff to total rainfall.

Accounts for catchment infiltration and other runoff losses.





# Coefficient of Runoff

Low C values tend to reflect pervious areas.

If C = 0.5, 50% of rainfall results in runoff.





# Coefficient of Runoff

High C values tend to reflect impervious areas.

If C = 1.0, 100% of rainfall results in runoff.





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# Rainfall Intensity



# Rainfall Intensity

Rate of precipitation (rain) falling over a certain period of time.

Expressed as a rate (mm/h) or as a depth (mm).

To obtain Rainfall Intensity, we need:

- Time of concentration
- Storm frequency
- IFD Table









Obtain rainfall intensity from IFD table.

Council may provide IFD or you can download from BOM.

BOM IFD website:

bom.gov.au/water/designRainfalls/revised-ifd/

Duration	Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP)							
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2 min	136.0	153.0	208.0	245.0	283.0	334.0	374.0	
3 min	127.0	143.0	194.0	229.0	264.0	311.0	347.0	
4 min	121.0	136.0	185.0	218.0	250.0	293.0	327.0	
5 min	116.0	130.0	176.0	207.0	238.0	278.0	309.0	
8 min	102.0	115.0	155.0	182.0	208.0	243.0	269.0	
10 min	94.5	107.0	144.0	169.0	193.0	224.0	248.0	
15 min	80.2	90.4	122.0	143.0	163.0	190.0	210.0	
20 min	69.9	78.7	106.0	125.0	143.0	166.0	183.0	
25 min	62.1	70.0	94.5	111.0	127.0	148.0	164.0	
30 min	56.0	63.1	85.3	100.0	115.0	134.0	149.0	
45 min	43.8	49.3	66.8	78.8	90.5	106.0	118.0	
1 hour	36.3	40.9	55.6	65.7	75.7	89.1	99.6	
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Intensity:

- Rate of rainfall (mm/h or mm) Frequency:
- Probability storm may occur in given year at specific location

Duration:

• Length of time storm burst persists

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#### Catchment Area



# Catchment Area

#### Determined by:

- Contour maps
- Council records
- Aerial imagery
- Site inspections





### **Catchment Area**

To identify a catchment, need a point of interest.

We can calculate peak discharge rate at any location:

- Gully pit
- Bottom of a hill
- Along a property boundary
- End of a drainage channel




# $Q = \frac{CIA}{360}$





## Peak Discharge



## Peak Discharge

Maximum rate of stormwater runoff at a specific location during a rainfall event.

When we know the maximum flow rate expected, we can calculate:

- Runoff for catchments
- Inlets and pipe systems
- Drainage channels
- Road capacity
- Flooded widths, depths
- Freeboard to buildings





The Rational Method Equation

$$Q_y = \frac{C_y {}^t I_y A}{360}$$

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- C<sub>v</sub> Coefficient of runoff (discharge) for AEP of 1 in 'y' years
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# Time for some calculations









#### Rational Method

#### Catchment

- 1. Identify point of discharge / interest
- 2. Draw catchment contributing to runoff at point of interest
- 3. Measure catchment area
- 4. Measure fraction impervious

#### Time of Concentration

- 1. Identify all time of concentration components
- 2. Choose a flow path (or multiple paths if unsure of longest travel time)
- 3. Calculate each time component
- 4. Add all components to obtain time of concentration for catchment

Intensity Frequency Duration (IFD) Table

- 1. Obtain catchment location (latitude longitude)
- 2. BOM IFD website <a href="https://www.bom.gov.au/water/designRainfalls/revised-ifd/">bom.gov.au/water/designRainfalls/revised-ifd/</a>
- 3. Set units to 'mm/h'

Rainfall Intensity (IFD Table)	
1. Identify storm frequency needed e.g. 190 AEP	
2. Identify time of concentration	
3. Obtain rainfall intensity for your specific design storm	
(storm frequency and burst duration) ${}^{+}\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{y}}$ mm/h	
Coefficient of Runoff	
1. Fraction impervious fi	
2. Rainfall intensity for 1 hour 10% AEP ${}^{1}I_{10}$ (mm/h)	
3. Obtain $C_{10}$ value based on $f_i$ and ${}^1I_{10}$	
QUDM or Council will provide this table.	
4. Frequency factor for design storm $F_y$	
5. Calculate $C_y$ for design storm	
$C_{\nu} = F_{\nu}C_{10}$	
y y 10	
Rational Method Peak Discharge	
1. Calculate Peak Discharge	
0 - CIA/360	
Q — CIII, 500	

# Example 1: Gully Pit

Calculating peak discharge at a stormwater gully pit.

Design storm:

- Storm duration = time of concentration
- Storm frequency = 39% AEP or 0.5EY or 2 year ARI or Q<sub>2</sub>







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Catchment area, A = 0.6317haFraction impervious,  $f_i = 3790m^2 / 6317m^2 = 0.60$ 

#### Time of Concentration

Draw flow path that would result in the longest time.



Roof to main system connection

t = 5 minutes

Kerb flow

L = 125m S = 4%

 $t = \frac{0.025L}{S^{0.5}}$ 

+ = (0.025\*125)/4<sup>0.5</sup> = 1.6min

Total time of concentration for catchment is:

Roof to main connection time + kerb flow time

t = 5 + 1.6 = 6.6 = 7 min

Rational Method needs to adopt a storm burst of 7 minutes.



#### Intensity Frequency Duration (IFD) Table

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Design Rainfall Data System (2016)

Conditions of Use | Help | New IFD feedback

( Search	About the 2016 Design Rainfalls						
Single Point	The 2016 design rainfalls provided h	iere are:					
Decimal degrees     Latitude: -27.3     Longitude: 153	<ul> <li>based on a more extensive database, with more than 30 years of additional rainfall data and data from extra rainfall stations;</li> <li>more accurate estimates, combining contemporary statistical analysis and techniques with an expanded rainfall database; and</li> <li>better estimates of the 2% and 1% annual exceedance probability design rainfalls than the interim 2013 IFDs.</li> <li>extended to include the cubdally rare design rainfalls.</li> </ul>						
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$^{\bigcirc}$ Easting, Northing, Zone	design rainfalls provide more accurate design rainfall estimates for Australia.						
Label 3	Note: The 2016 IFDs replace bot	h the ARR87 IFDs and the interim 2013 IFDs.					
Submit Map Preview	The ARR 87 IFDs will be available <u>he</u>	<u>re</u> until June 2020.					
Select Design Raiv	nfalls needed	Design Rainfalls					
e.g. IFD values.		<ul> <li>Very Frequent</li> <li>IFDs (Frequent and Infrequent)</li> </ul>					
,		O Rare					
Add non-standard	duration if	- Non-Standard Durations					
required e.g. 7 miv	n. duration	Duration: 7 minutes 🗸 🕂					

# We will need two values: ${}^{1}I_{10}$ (for Coefficient of Runoff) and ${}^{7}I_{2}$ (for $Q_{2}$ Peak Discharge)

Table Chart

Unit: mm/h 🗸

	Exceedance per Year (EY)								
Duration	12EY	6EY	4EY	3EY	2EY	1EY	0.5EY#	0.2EY*	
1 <u>min</u>	65.2	76.1	94.9	108	127	161	202	251	
2 <u>min</u>	58.2	67.2	82.2	93.0	108	136	170	212	
3 <u>min</u>	54.0	62.5	76.8	87.0	102	127	159	198	
4 <u>min</u>	50.6	58.7	72.6	82.5	96.5	121	151	188	
5 <u>min</u>	47.6	55.5	68.9	78.5	92.1	116	145	180	
7 <u>min</u>	42.7	50.1	62.7	71.7	84.3	106	133	165	

#### Rainfall intensity ${}^{7}I_{2} = 133$ mm/h

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Coefficient of Runoff													
Now we can obtain $C_{10}$ based on $f_i$ and $^1\mathrm{I}_{10}$													
$f_i = 0.60$	)	1T	10 = 65	.7mm//	ן								
Intens	sity			Fraction in	npervious f <sub>i</sub>								
(mm/nr	) I <sub>10</sub>	0.20	0.40	0.60	0.80	0.90	1.00						
39-4	4	0.44	0.55	0.67	0.78	0.84	0.90						
45-4	19	0.49	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.85	0.90						
50-5	54	0.55	0.64	0.72	0.81	0.86	0.90						
55-5	59	0.60	0.68	0.75	0.83	0.86	0.90						
60-6	64	0.65	0.72	0.78	0.84	0.87	0.90						
65-6	59	0.71	0.76	0.80	0.85	0.88	0.90						
70-9	0	0.74	0.78	0.82	0.86	0.88	0.90						
0 0	0.0	•	•		•		•						

 $C_{10} = 0.80$ 

Then we multiply this by our Frequency Factor to calculate our  $C_2$  value.

		ARI	Frequency
	AEP (%)	(years)	factor (F <sub>y</sub> )
	63%	1.00	0.80
	39%	2.00	0.85
	18%	5.00	0.95
	10%	10.00	1.00
	5%	20.00	1.05
	2%	50.00	1.15
	1%	100.00	1.20

$C_y = F_y C_{10}$
$C_2 = 0.85 \times 0.80 = 0.68$
Now we have all our variables needed.
Rational Method Peak Discharge
$Q_y = \frac{C_y t_{IyA}}{360}$
Peak discharge Q = CIA/360 ( $m^3/s$ )
$Q_2 = (C_2 T_2 A)/360$
$Q_2 = (0.68*133*0.6317)/360$
$Q_2 = 0.159 \mathrm{m^3/s}$



# Example 2: Inter-allotment Drainage

Calculating peak discharge at the outlet of a stormwater piped network.

Design storm:

- Storm duration = time of concentration
- Storm frequency = 39% AEP or 0.5EY or 2 year ARI or Q<sub>2</sub>







#### Catchment

- 1. Identify point of discharge / interest
- 2. Draw catchment contributing to runoff at point of interest
- 3. Measure catchment area
- 4. Measure fraction impervious



Catchment area, A = 0.1870haFraction impervious,  $f_i = 1122m^2 / 1870m^2 = 0.60$ 

#### Time of Concentration

Draw flow path that would result in the longest time.



- Roof to main system connection
  - t = 5 minutes

#### Pipe flow

- We haven't modelled the stormwater flows through
- the piped system, so we don't know the actual pipe
- velocity. QUDM suggests:
- Low gradient pipes, pipe velocity = 2m/s
- Medium to steep gradient pipes, pipe velocity = 3m/s





Intensity Frequen	ncy Duration (IFD) Table
1. Obtain catchn	nent location (latitude longitude)
2. BOM IFD we	bsite bom.gov.au/water/designRainfalls/revised-ifd/
3. Set units to 'v	mm/h
Design Rainfall Data	a System (2016) <u>Conditions of Use   Help</u>   <u>New IFD feedback</u>
() Search	About the 2016 Design Rainfalls
Single Point	The 2016 design rainfalls provided here are:
Decimal degrees     Latitude: -27.3     Longitude: 153	<ul> <li>based on a more extensive database, with more than 30 years of additional rainfall data and data from extra rainfall stations;</li> <li>more accurate estimates, combining contemporary statistical analysis and techniques with an expanded rainfall database; and</li> <li>better estimates of the 2% and 1% annual exceedance probability design rainfalls than the interim</li> </ul>
O Degrees, Minutes, Seconds	2013 IFDs.  • extended to include the subdaily rare design rainfalls.  Properties and the subdaily rare design rainfalls.
© Easting, Northing, Zone	By combining contemporary statistical analyses and techniques with an expanded database, the 2016 design rainfalls provide more accurate design rainfall estimates for Australia.
Label 🕄	Note: The 2016 IFDs replace both the ARR87 IFDs and the interim 2013 IFDs.
	The ARR 87 IFDs will be available <u>here</u> until June 2020.
Submit Map Preview	
Select Design Rain	Ifalls needed Design Rainfalls
e.g. IFD values.	<ul> <li>Very Frequent</li> <li>IFDs (Frequent and Infrequent)</li> <li>Rare</li> </ul>
Add non-standard	- Non-Standard Durations
required e.g. 6 min	1. duration: 6 minutes ~ +



We will need two values: ${}^{1}I_{10}$ (for Coefficient of Runoff) and										
$GI_2$ (for $Q_2$ Peak Discharge)										
Table     Chart     Unit: Im										
Exceedance per Year (EY)										
Duration	12EY	6EY	4EY	3EY	2EY	1EY	0.5EY#	0.2EY*		
1 <u>min</u>	65.2	76.1	94.9	108	127	161	202	251		
2 <u>min</u>	58.2	67.2	82.2	93.0	108	136	170	212		
3 <u>min</u>	54.0	62.5	76.8	87.0	102	127	159	198		
4 <u>min</u>	50.6	58.7	72.6	82.5	96.5	121	151	188		
5 <u>min</u>	47.6	55.5	68.9	78.5	92.1	116	145	180		
6 <u>min</u>	45.0	52.6	65.7	74.9	88.0	111	138	172		
Rainfal	lintens	sity GI	= 139	3mm/V	)					
		1 - 2								
Table     Chart       Unit:     mm/h ∨										
			Ann	ual Exceed	lance Prob	ability (	AEP)			
Duration	63.2%	50%#	20%*	10%	5%	2%	1%			
1 hour		36.3	40.9	55.6	65.7	75.7	89.1	99.6		
Rainfal	lintens	sity ${}^{1}\text{I}_{1}$	0 = 65	.7mm/l	1					

Coefficient of Runoff										
Now we can obtain $C_{10}$ based on $f_i$ and $^1\mathrm{I}_{10}$										
$f_i = 0.60$ ${}^1I_{10} = 65.7 \text{mm/h}$										
Intensity Fraction impervious f <sub>i</sub>										
	(mm/hr) <sup>-</sup> 1 <sub>10</sub>	0.20	0.40	)	0.60	)	0.80	0.90	1.00	
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0	ur C2 value	2.								
	L									
					ARI	Fr	requency			
			AEP (%)	()	/ears)	fa	actor (F <sub>y</sub> )			
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			18%		5.00		0.95			
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			5%	2	20.00		1.05			
			2%	5	50.00		1.15			

1%

100.00

1.20



#### $C_y = F_y C_{10}$

 $C_2 = 0.85 \times 0.80 = 0.68$ 

Now we have all our variables needed.

Rational Method Peak Discharge

 $Q_y = \frac{C_y{}^t I_y A}{360}$ 

Peak discharge  $Q = CIA/360 (m^3/s)$ 

 $Q_2 = (C_2 \,^6 I_2 \, A)/360$ 

 $Q_2 = (0.68*138*0.1870)/360$ 

 $Q_2 = 0.049 \text{m}^3/\text{s}$ 



### Here are common problems we encounter in the industry:

- Pre-developed & post-developed analysis
- External catchments
- Sensitivity analysis
- Partial area effect
- Limitations of the Rational Method
- What to do when Rational Method is not suitable

If these sound familiar but you're not 100% confident in calculating, get in touch and we can teach you.





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