

Task:

In one fortnight of a given month, there was a rainfall of 10 cm in a river valley. If the area of the valley is $7280\text{km} \cdot 1\text{km}$, show that the total rainfall was approximately equivalent to the addition to the normal water of three rivers each of dimensions $1072\text{km} \cdot 75\text{m} \cdot 3\text{m}$.

Solution:

Please note that the area of the valley was corrected from $97280\text{km} \cdot 1\text{km}$ to $7280\text{km} \cdot 1\text{km}$, otherwise there is no equivalent to the water of three rivers.

Let's calculate the volume of water in the river in cubic meters:

$$V_r = 1072\text{km} \cdot 75\text{m} \cdot 3\text{m} = 1072000\text{m} \cdot 75\text{m} \cdot 3\text{m} = 241\,200\,000 \text{ m}^3$$

Let's calculate the amount of rainfall during the night downpour in cubic meters:

$$V_d = 97280\text{km} \cdot 1\text{km} \cdot 10 \text{ cm} = 7280000\text{m} \cdot 1000\text{m} \cdot 0.1\text{m} = 728\,000\,000 \text{ m}^3$$

Let's find the ratio between the calculated volumes:

$$\frac{V_d}{V_r} = \frac{728\,000\,000 \text{ m}^3}{241\,200\,000 \text{ m}^3} = 3.018 \dots \approx 3$$

Answer: Yes, indeed, rainfall was approximately equivalent to the addition to the normal water of three rivers.