

BOAT AND STREAM



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Speed =

Speed Of Stream + Speed Of Boat

Speed =

Speed Of Stream - Speed Of Boat

Downstream



Direction Of Boat →

Upstream



← Direction Of Boat

Direction Of Stream →

CONCEPT

Upstream Speed = $(b - c)$

Downstream Speed = $(b + c)$

QUESTION

The speed of the boat in still water is 10 km/hr. If its downstream speed is 13 km/hr. What is the speed of current?

EXPLANATION

$$b = 10 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$\text{Down stream speed} = (b + c) = 13 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$10 + c = 13$$

$$c = 3 \text{ km/hr}$$

UPSC

Q. A boat goes 12 km upstream in 48 min. If the speed of stream 2 km/hr. What is the speed of boat in still water?

EXPLANATION

$$48 \text{ min} = 12 \text{ km}$$

$$60 \text{ min} = 12/48 \times 60 = 15 \text{ km}$$

That means upstream speed = 15 km/hr

$$c = 2 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$b - c = 15$$

$$b = 17 \text{ km/hr}$$

INFOSYS

Q. A man swim 60 km downstream and 36 km upstream taking 6 hr each time.

1-What is the speed of man in still water?

2-What is the speed of current?

EXPLANATION

$$T = D/S$$

$$6 = 60/b+c$$

$$6 = 36/b-c$$

$$b + c = 10$$

$$b - c = 6$$

$$b = 6 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$c = 2 \text{ km/hr}$$

UPSC

Q. A boat goes a certain distance down stream in 4 hr while if cover the same distance upstream in 5 hr. if the speed of stream is 2 km/hr .

1-What is the speed of boat in still water?

2-How far is the place?

3-What is the total distance travel by the boat?

EXPLANATION

$$T = D/S$$

$$4 = D/b+c$$

$$5 = D/b-c$$

$$c = 2 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$4 = D/b+2$$

$$5 = D/b-2$$

$$(i) \ b = 18 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$(ii) \ D = 4 \times (18 + 2) = 80 \text{ km}$$

$$(iii) \ 2D = 2 \times 80 = 160 \text{ km}$$

GATE

Q. A man can row at 8 km per hour in still water, if it takes him thrice as long to row upstream, as to row downstream, then find the stream velocity in km per hour?

EXPLANATION

$$T = D/S$$

$$b = 8 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$T = D/b+c \text{ -----[i]}$$

$$3T = D/b-c \text{ -----[ii]}$$

Taking ratio of equation 1 and 2

$$1/3 = (b - c)/(b + c) \quad \text{put } b = 8$$

$$c = 4 \text{ km/hr}$$

CAT

Q. A boat goes two km against the current in 1hr and 1 km along the current in 10 min. How long will take to go 5 km in still water?

EXPLANATION

$$T = D/S$$

$$1 = 2/(b - c) \text{ -----[i]}$$

$$10/60 = 1/(b + c) \text{ -----[ii]}$$

$$b = 4 \text{ km/hr}$$

Time take to go 5 km in still water:-

$$T = 5/4 = 1.25 \text{ hr} = 75 \text{ min}$$

UPSC

Q. A boat can move at 10 km/hr in still water if the stream is flowing 2 km/hr and if takes 5 hr in all to row a place and back. What is the total distance travel by boat?

EXPLANATION

$$T = D/S$$

$$b = 10 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$c = 2 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$T_1 = D/(b + c)$$

$$T_2 = D/(b - c)$$

$$T_1 + T_2 = D [1/12 + 1/8] = 5$$

$$D = 24 \text{ km}$$

$$\text{Total distance travel by boat} = 2D = 2 \times 24 = 48 \text{ km}$$

SAIL

Q. A boat with speed 20 m/s in still water take $\frac{1}{3}$ hr and $\frac{1}{2}$ hr in order to cover same distance downstream and upstream respectively. Then the speed of the current is:

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|------------------|------------------|
| (a) 6 m/s | (b) 8 m/s |
| (c) 3 m/s | (d) 4 m/s |

EXPLANATION

$$T = D/S$$

$$b = 20 \text{ m/s}$$

$$20 \times 60 = D/(b + c)$$

$$30 \times 60 = D/(b - c)$$

$$2/3 = (20 - c)/(20 + c)$$

$$c = 4 \text{ m/s}$$

UPSC

Q. Current of the river is 3 km/hr and a sailor can row 7 km/hr in the still water. How much time will he take to go 20 km down the river and come back up the river at starting place ?

EXPLANATION

$$T = D/S$$

$$b = 7 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$c = 3 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$T = 20/10 + 20/4 = 6 \text{ hr}$$

*Thank
you*

