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The objectives of this study was to investigate the optimum condition for treating synthesis wastewater containing dye by chemical precipitation process using response surface methodology (RSM). Four coagulants, Ca(OH)₂, CaCO₃, FeCl₃ and Al₂(SO₄)₃ were used to find the suitable coagulant in treating 250 mgL⁻¹ of Reactive black 5 (RB5). The study indicated that Ca(OH)₂ dosage of 40 gL⁻¹ at pH 7 gave the highest result, dye removal efficiency was 98.15% and COD removal efficiency was 90.78%.

The optimum Ca(OH)₂ dosages and pH in coagulation – flocculation process of synthesis wastewater containing 250 mgL⁻¹ of Reactive black 5 (RB5), Reactive red 198 (RR198) and Reactive yellow 176 (RY176) were investigated by RSM. The removal efficiencies of RB5 and COD by Ca(OH)₂ dosage of 53 gL⁻¹ at pH 9.75 were 99.68% and 92.53% respectively. The removal efficiencies of RR198 and RY176 and COD by Ca(OH)₂ dosage of 34 gL⁻¹ at pH 10 were 99.47% and 91.74% for RR198 and 99.4% and 91.71% for RY176, respectively.

The optimal condition of mix dye solution for coagulant dosage and pH were 46 gL⁻¹ Ca(OH)₂ at pH 10, respectively, where more than 90.00% removal efficiency of dye and 88.46% removal efficiency of COD can be obtained.

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