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Errata below will be corrected in *FE Reference Handbook, 9.5*. The exam will be administered using the updated version of the handbook.

**CONVERSION FACTORS**

**p. 2, Conversion Factor Chart**

Added two factors to the chart:

Multiply	By	To Obtain
ft-lbm	2	slug-ft/s <sup>2</sup>
slug	32.174	pound-mass (lbm)





**ETHICS**

**p. 4, Model Law (new)**

The seven new sections of the NCEES Model Law may be downloaded from the online [FE Reference Handbook](#).

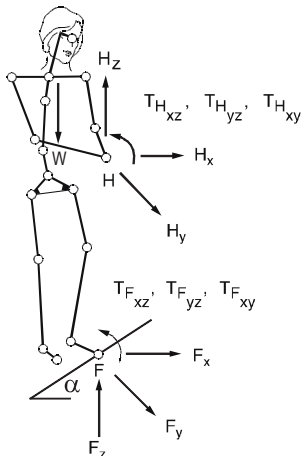
**SAFETY**

**p. 10, Acute Oral Toxicity Pictograms**

	ACUTE ORAL TOXICITY				
	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3	CATEGORY 4	CATEGORY 5
LD <sub>50</sub>	≤ 5 mg/kg	> 5 < 50 mg/kg	≥ 50 < 300 mg/kg	≥ 300 < 2,000 mg/kg	≥ 2,000 < 5,000 mg/kg
PICTOGRAM					NO SYMBOL
SIGNAL WORD	DANGER	DANGER	DANGER	WARNING	WARNING
HAZARD STATEMENT	FATAL IF SWALLOWED	FATAL IF SWALLOWED	TOXIC IF SWALLOWED	HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED	MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED

**p. 20, Biomechanics of the Human Body**

The slope angle should be shown and defined as follows:



With the slope angle  $\alpha$

$$F_x = \mu F_z \cos \alpha$$

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**MATHEMATICS**

**p. 30, col 2, Properties of Series**

Added the definition of  $\Pi$  to the end of the list:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c = nc; \quad c = \text{constant}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n cx_i = c \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i - z_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n z_i$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^n x = (n + n^2)/2$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n x_i = x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_n$$

**p. 34, col 2, MATRICES**

Expanded the definition of *matrix* to include the following:

The rank of a matrix is equal to the number of rows that are linearly independent.

**CHEMISTRY**

**p. 54, col 2, DEFINITIONS**

Added the Nernst equation:

*Nernst Equation*

$$\Delta E = (E_2^0 - E_1^0) - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left[ \frac{M_1^{n+}}{M_2^{n+}} \right]$$

$E_1^0$  = half-cell potential (volts)

$R$  = ideal gas constant

$n$  = number of electrons participating in either half-cell reaction

$T$  = absolute temperature (K)

$M_1^{n+}$  and  $M_2^{n+}$  = molar ion concentration

**p. 55, Periodic Table of Elements**

The current periodic table may be downloaded from the online [FE Reference Handbook](#).

**MECHANICS OF MATERIALS**

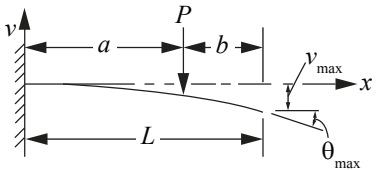
**p. 84, MATERIAL PROPERTIES**

The subtitle of Table 2 should read as follows:

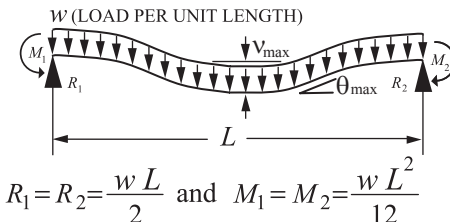
(Use these values for the specific alloys and temper listed. For all other materials refer to Table 1 above.)

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**p. 86, Cantilevered Beam Slopes and Deflections**

BEAM	SLOPE	DEFLECTION	ELASTIC CURVE
	$\theta_{\max} = \frac{-Pa^2}{2EI}$	$v_{\max} = \frac{-Pa^2}{6EI} (3L - a)$	$v = \frac{-Pa^2}{6EI} (3x - a), \text{ for } x > a$ $v = \frac{-Px^2}{6EI} (-x + 3a), \text{ for } x \leq a$

**p. 86, Piping Segment Slopes and Deflections**

PIPE	SLOPE	DEFLECTION	ELASTIC CURVE
 <p style="text-align: center;"><math>R_1 = R_2 = \frac{wL}{2}</math> and <math>M_1 = M_2 = -\frac{wL^2}{12}</math></p>	$ \theta_{\max}  = 0.008 \frac{wL^3}{24EI}$ $\text{at } x = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{L}{\sqrt{12}}$	$ v_{\max}  = \frac{wL^4}{384EI} \text{ at } x = \frac{L}{2}$	$v(x) = \frac{wx^2}{24EI} (L^2 - 2Lx + x^2)$

**THERMODYNAMICS**

**p. 89, col 1, Open Thermodynamic System**

Polytropic process (ideal gas):

$$Pv^n = \text{constant}$$

Closed system

$$w_{\text{rev}} = (P_2v_2 - P_1v_1)/(1 - n)$$

One-inlet, one-exit control volume

$$w_{\text{rev}} = n (P_2v_2 - P_1v_1)/(1 - n)$$

**FLUID MECHANICS**

**p. 106, col 2, Open-Channel Flow and/or Pipe Flow of Water**

Defined  $Q$  for Manning's equation and Hazen-Williams equation:

Manning's Equation

$$Q = (K/n)AR_H^{2/3}S^{1/2}$$

Hazen-Williams Equation

$$Q = k_1CAR_H^{0.63}S^{0.54}$$

**p. 111, col 1, Turbines**

For a turbine where  $\Delta KE$  is included:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{W}_{\text{turb}} &= \dot{m} \left( h_i - h_e + \frac{V_i^2 - V_e^2}{2} \right) \\ &= \dot{m} \left( c_p (T_i - T_e) + \frac{V_i^2 - V_e^2}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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**INSTRUMENTATION, MEASUREMENT, AND CONTROLS**

**p. 125**

The table of strain gauges is shown in the online [FE Reference Handbook](#).

**ENGINEERING ECONOMICS**

**p. 131, col 1, NOMENCLATURE AND DEFINITIONS**

Added two definitions:

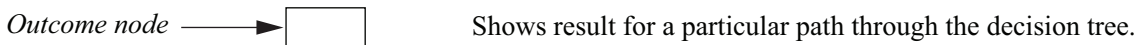
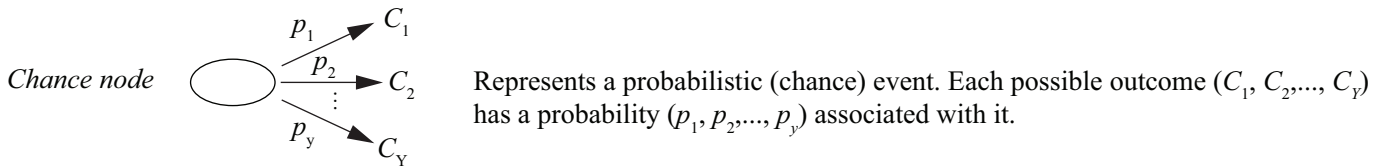
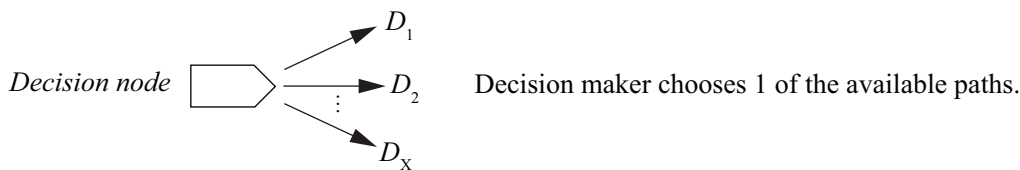
*EV*.....Expected value

MARR....Minimum acceptable/attractive rate of return

**p. 132, ECONOMIC DECISION TREES (new)**

Added an economic decision tree:

The following symbols are used to model decisions with decision trees:



Expected Value:  $EV = (C_1)(p_1) + (C_2)(p_2) + \dots$

**CIVIL ENGINEERING**

**p. 149, col 1, Horizontal Stress Profiles and Forces**

Added the following to the end of the section:

At rest forces on wall per unit length of wall

$K_0$  = at rest earth pressure coefficient (smooth wall,  $C = 0$ , level backfill)

$K_0 \approx 1 - \sin \phi$  for normally consolidated soil

$K_0 = (1 - \sin \phi) OCR^{\sin \phi}$  for overconsolidated soil where

OCR = overconsolidation ratio

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**p. 149, col 2, Retaining Walls (new)**

Added a retaining wall section to bottom of page:

$$FS_{\text{overturning}} = \frac{\sum M_R}{M_O}$$

$$FS_{\text{sliding}} = \frac{\sum F_R}{\sum F_D}$$

$$FS_{\text{sliding}} = \frac{(\sum V) \tan \delta + BC_a + P_p}{P_a \cos \alpha}$$

$$FS_{\text{bearing capacity}} = \frac{q_{\text{ULT}}}{q_{\text{toe}}}$$

$$q_{\text{toe}} = \frac{\sum V}{B} \left( 1 + \frac{6e}{B} \right)$$

$$e = \frac{B}{2} - \left( \frac{\sum M_R - M_O}{\sum V} \right)$$

$e$  = eccentricity

$B$  = width of base

$M_R$  = resisting moment

$M_O$  = overturning moment

$F_R$  = resisting forces

$F_D$  = driving forces

$V$  = vertical forces

$\delta = k_1 \phi_2$

$C_a = k_2 C_2$

$k_1$  and  $k_2$  are given, ranging from 1/2 to 2/3

**p. 153, col 1, STRUCTURAL DESIGN/Live Load Reduction**

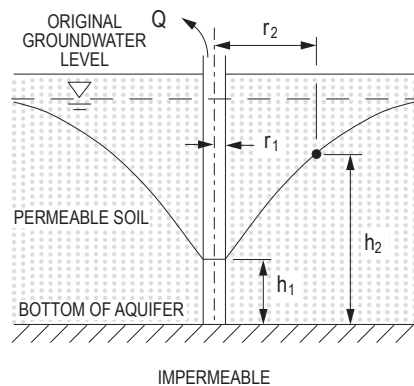
For members supporting one floor:

$$L_{\text{reduced}} = L_{\text{nominal}} \left( 0.25 + \frac{15}{\sqrt{K_u A_T}} \right) \geq 0.5 L_{\text{nominal}}$$

For members supporting two or more floors

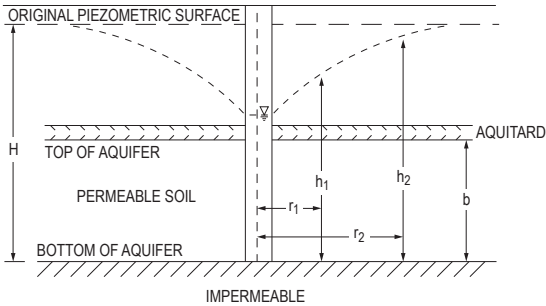
$$L_{\text{reduced}} = L_{\text{nominal}} \left( 0.25 + \frac{15}{\sqrt{K_{LL} A_T}} \right) \geq 0.4 L_{\text{nominal}}$$

**p. 165, col 2, Well Drawdown**



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**p. 165, col 2, DuPuit's Formula**



**p. 165, col 2, Theim Equation**

Defined  $H$  as follows:

$H$  = height of piezometric surface prior to pumping (ft)

**p. 167, col 2, Manning's Equation**

Defined  $V$  in Manning's Equation:

**Manning's Equation**

$$Q = (K/n)AR_H^{2/3}S^{1/2}$$

$$V = (K/n)R_H^{2/3}S^{1/2}$$

$Q$  = discharge (ft<sup>3</sup>/sec or m<sup>3</sup>/s)

$V$  = velocity (ft/sec or m/s)

$K$  = 1.486 for USCS units, 1.0 for SI units

$A$  = cross-sectional area of flow (ft<sup>2</sup> or m<sup>2</sup>)

$R_H$  = hydraulic radius =  $A/P$  (ft or m)

$P$  = wetted perimeter (ft or m)

$S$  = slope (ft/ft or m/m)

$n$  = roughness coefficient

**p. 168, col 1, Hazen-Williams Equation**

Defined  $Q$  for Hazen-Williams equation:

**Hazen-Williams Equation**

$$V = k_1 C R_H^{0.63} S^{0.54}, \text{ where}$$

$$Q = k_1 C A R_H^{0.63} S^{0.54}$$

$C$  = roughness coefficient

$k_1$  = 0.849 for SI units

$k_1$  = 1.318 for USCS units

$R_H$  = hydraulic radius (ft or m)

$S$  = slope of energy grade line  
 =  $h_f/L$  (ft/ft or m/m)

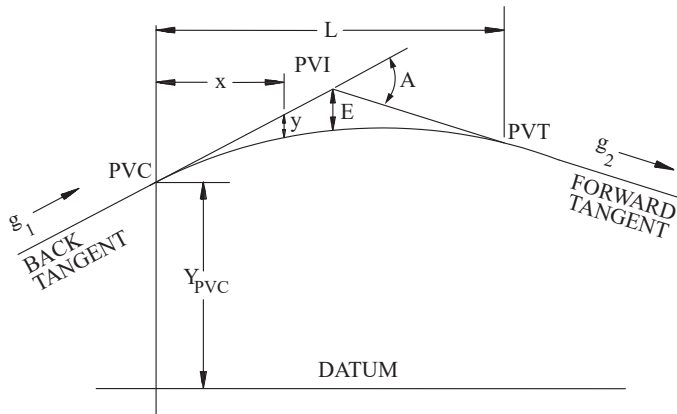
$V$  = velocity (ft/sec or m/s)

$Q$  = discharge (ft<sup>3</sup>/sec or m<sup>3</sup>/s)

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**p. 176, AREA FORMULAS**

The vertical curve formulas and definitions should be shown as follows:



VERTICAL CURVE FORMULAS  
 NOT TO SCALE

*PVC* = Point of vertical curvature, or beginning of curve

*PVI* = Point of vertical intersection, or vertex

*PVT* = Point of vertical tangency, or end of curve

*L* = Length of curve

*y* = Tangent offset

*x* = Horizontal distance from *PVC* to point on curve

*x<sub>m</sub>* = Horizontal distance to min/max elevation on curve

$$\text{Tangent elevation} = Y_{PVC} + g_1 x = Y_{PVI} + g_2 (x - L/2)$$

$$\text{Curve elevation} = Y_{PVC} + g_1 x + ax^2 = Y_{PVC} + g_1 x + [(g_2 - g_1)/(2L)]x^2$$

*g<sub>1</sub>* = Grade of back tangent

*g<sub>2</sub>* = Grade of forward tangent

*A* = Algebraic difference in grades

*a* = Parabola constant

*E* = Tangent offset at *PVI*

*r* = Rate of change of grade

*K* = Rate of vertical curvature

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

**p. 179, col 2, Selected Properties of Air**

Added the Lapse Rate equation:

$$\text{Lapse rate} = \Gamma = -\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta z}$$

where  $\Delta T$  is the change in temperature and  $\Delta z$  is the change in elevation.

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**p. 185, col 1, Mass Calculations**

Mass balance:  $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{dM_{in}}{dt} + \frac{dM_{out}}{dt} \pm r$

$M = CQ = CV$

Continuity equation =  $Q = vA$

$M$  = mass

$M_{in}$  = mass in

$M_{out}$  = mass out

$r$  = reaction rate =  $kC^n$

$k$  = reaction rate constant (1/time)

$n$  = order of reaction

$C$  = concentration

$Q$  = flowrate

$V$  = volume

$v$  = velocity

$A$  = cross-sectional area of flow

$M$  (lb/day) =  $C$  (mg/L)  $\times$   $Q$  (MGD)  $\times$  8.34 [lb-L/(mg-MG)]

where:

MGD = million gallons per day

MG = million gallons

**p. 185, col 1, Microbial Kinetics**

BOD Exertion

$$BOD_t = L_o(1 - e^{-kt})$$

where

$k$  = BOD decay rate constant (base e, days<sup>-1</sup>)

$L_o$  = ultimate BOD (mg/L)

$t$  = time (days)

$BOD_t$  = the amount of BOD exerted at time  $t$  (mg/L)

**p. 186, col 1, Kinetic Temperature Corrections**

$$k_T = k_{20} (\theta)^{T-20}$$

BOD ( $k$ ):  $\theta = 1.135$  ( $T = 4 - 20^\circ\text{C}$ )

$\theta = 1.056$  ( $T = 20 - 30^\circ\text{C}$ )

Reaeration ( $k_r$ )  $\theta = 1.024$

**p. 196, col 1, Rapid Mix and Flocculator Design**

Updated definition of  $\gamma$ :

$\gamma$  = specific weight of water (lb/ft<sup>3</sup> or N/m<sup>3</sup>)



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**p. 197, col 1, Disinfection**

Updated nomenclature and definitions:

$$CT_{calc} = C \times t_{10}$$

$CT_{calc}$  = calculated CT value (mg • mm/L)

$C$  = residual disinfectant concentration measured during peak hourly flow (mg/L)

$t_{10}$  = time it takes 10% of the water to flow through the reactor measured during peak hourly flow (min)

= can be determined from traces study data or the following relationship

$$t_{10(\text{approx})} = \theta \times BF$$

$\theta$  = hydraulic residence time (min)

$BF$  = baffling factor

Adapted from *Guidance Manual LTIESWTR Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2003.

**ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

**p. 205, col 2, Voltage Regulation (new)**

The percent voltage regulation of a power supply is defined as

$$\% \text{ Regulation} = \frac{|V_{NL}| - |V_{FL}|}{|V_{FL}|} \times 100\%$$

where

$V_{NL}$  = voltage under no load conditions

$V_{FL}$  = voltage under full load conditions

**p. 206, col 2, line 8, LOSSLESS TRANSMISSION LINES**

Updated the equation for the reflection coefficient:

$$\Gamma = \frac{V^-}{V^+} = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0}$$

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**p. 216, N-Channel Junction Field Effect Transistors (JFETs)**

The mathematical relationships column should read as follows:

**Mathematical Relationships**

Cutoff Region:  $v_{GS} < V_p$   
 $i_D = 0$

Triode Region:  $v_{GS} > V_p$  and  $v_{GD} > V_p$   
 $i_D = (I_{DSS}/V_p^2)[2v_{DS}(v_{GS} - V_p) - v_{DS}^2]$

Saturation Region:  $v_{GS} > V_p$  and  $v_{GD} < V_p$   
 $i_D = I_{DSS}(1 - v_{GS}/V_p)^2$

where

$I_{DSS}$  = drain current with  $v_{GS} = 0$   
(in the saturation region)  
 $= KV_p^2$ ,

$K$  = conductivity factor

For JFETs,

$V_p$  = pinch-off voltage

For MOSFETs,

$V_p = V_T$  = threshold voltage

**p. 221, col 1, Protocol Definitions**

- TCP/IP is the basic communication protocol suite for communication over the Internet.
- Internet Protocol (IP) provides end-to-end addressing and is used to encapsulate TCP or UDP datagrams. Both version 4 (IPv4) and version 6 (IPv6) are used and can co-exist on the same network.
- Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) is a connection-oriented protocol that detects lost packets, duplicated packets, or packets that are received out of order and has mechanisms to correct these problems.
- User Datagram Protocol (UDP), is a connectionless-oriented protocol that has less network overhead than TCP but provides no guarantee of delivery, ordering, or duplicate protection.
- Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) is a supporting protocol used to send error messages and operational information.

**p. 221, col 1, Local Area Network (LAN)**

There are different methods for assigning IP addresses for devices entering a network.

- Dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) is a networking protocol that allows a router to assign the IP address and other configuration information for all stations joining a network.
- Static IP addressing implies each station joining a network is manually configured with its own IP address.
- Stateless address autoconfiguration (SLAAC) allows for hosts to automatically configure themselves when connecting to an IPv6 network.

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**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

**p. 245, col 1, HVAC—Pure Heating and Cooling**

