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Preface to the Second Edition



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How To Use These Books



the basic math book to pinpoint areas that require review or study. If possible, it is best to resolve these weak areas <u>before</u> beginning either of the applied math texts. However, when this is not possible, the Basic Math Concepts text can be used as a reference resource for the applied math texts. For example, when making a calculation that includes tank volume, you may wish to refer to the basic math section on volumes.

Applied Math Texts and Workbooks

The applied math texts and workbooks are companion volumes. There is one set for water treatment plant operators and another for wastewater treatment plant operators. Each applied math text has two sections:

• Chapters 1 through 6 present various calculations grouped by type of math problem. Perhaps 70 percent of all water and wastewater calculations are represented by these six types. Chapter 7 groups various types of pumping problems into a single chapter. The calculations presented in these seven chapters are common to the water and wastewater fields and have therefore been included in both applied math texts.

Since the calculations described in Chapters 1 through 6 represent the heart of water and wastewater treatment math, if possible, it is advisable that you master these general types of calculations before continuing with other calculations. Once completed, a review of these calculations in subsequent chapters will further strengthen your math skills.

• The remaining chapters in each applied math text include calculations grouped by unit processes. The calculations are presented in the order of the flow through a plant. Some of the calculations included in these chapters are not incorporated in Chapters 1 through 7, since they do not fall into any general problem-type grouping. These chapters are particularly suited for use in a classroom or seminar setting, where the math instruction must parallel unit process instruction.

The workbooks support the applied math texts section by section. They have also been vastly expanded in this edition so that the student can build strength in each type of calculation. A detailed answer key has been provided for all problems. The workbook pages have been perforated so that they may be used in a classroom setting as hand-in assignments. The pages have also been hole-punched so that the student may retain the pages in a notebook when they are returned.

The workbooks may be useful in preparing for a certification exam. However, because theses texts include both fundamental and advanced calculations, and because the requirements for each certification level vary somewhat from state to state, it is advisable that you <u>first</u> <u>determine the types of problems to be covered in your exam</u>, then focus on those types of calculations in these texts.



PRACTICE PROBLEMS 1.1: Tank Volume Calculations

1. The diameter of a tank is 80 ft. If the water depth is 30 ft, what is the volume of water in the tank, in gallons?



ANS

2. The dimensions of a tank are given below. Calculate the cubic feet volume of the tank.



ANS_____

3. A tank 25 ft wide and 80 ft long is filled with water to a depth of 13 ft. What is the volume of water in the tank (in gal)?

4. What is the volume of water in a tank, in gallons, if the tank is 15 ft wide, 30 ft long, and contains water to a depth of 10 ft? ANS____ 5. Given the tank diameter and depth shown below, calculate the volume of water in the tank, in gallons. – 50 ft – ← 14 ft ¥ ANS_____



4. A section of 6-inch diameter pipeline is to be filled with chlor disinfection. If 1778 ft of pipeline is to be disinfected, how r water will be required?	orinated water for nany gallons of chlorinated
	ANS
5. What is the volume of water (in gal) for the 1000-ft section	of channel shown below?
1000 ft 3.7 ft 5 ft	
	ANS











10. What is the volume of water (in gal) contained in a 2000-ft second channel is 6 ft wide and the water depth is 3.7 ft?	tion of channel if the
	ANS
11. Calculate the cu ft capacity of the oxidation ditch shown below the ditch is trapezoidal. (Round the circumference length to the	y. The cross-section of e nearest foot.)
$\frac{1}{3.5 \text{ ft}} \xrightarrow{ 4 }{ 4 } 0 = 80 \text{ ft}$ $\frac{1}{3.5 \text{ ft}} \xrightarrow{ 4 }{ 4 } 0 = 80 \text{ ft}$ $\frac{1}{300 \text{ ft}} \xrightarrow{ 4 }{ 4 } 0 = 80 \text{ ft}$	
Top View of Ditch	
	ANS
12. Given the diameter and water depth shown below, calculate the the tank, in gallons.	e volume of water in
$50 \text{ ft} \longrightarrow$	
	ANS



PRACTICE PROBLEMS 2.1: Instantaneous Flow Rates
1. A channel 42 inches wide has water flowing to a depth of 2.6 ft. If the velocity of the water is 2.2 fps, what is the cfm flow in channel?
ANS
2. A tank is 15 ft long and 10 ft wide. With the discharge valve closed, the influent to the tank causes the water level to rise 0.7 feet in one minute. What is the gpm flow to the tank?
ANS
3. A trapezoidal channel is 3.5 ft wide at the bottom and 5.5 ft wide at the water surface. The water depth is 38 inches. If the flow velocity through the channel is 125 ft/min, what is the cfm flow rate through the channel?
ANS
2. A tank is 15 ft long and 10 ft wide. With the discharge valve closed, the influent to the tank causes the water level to rise 0.7 feet in one minute. What is the gpm flow to the tank?

4.	A 6-inch diameter pipeline has water flowing at a velocity of 2.6 fps. What is the gpm
	flow rate through the pipeline? Assume the pipe is flowing full. (Round to the nearest
	tenth.)

ANS_____

5. A pump discharges into a 2-ft diameter barrel. If the water level in the barrel rises 26 inches in 30 seconds, what is the gpm flow into the barrel?

ANS_____

6. A 10-inch diameter pipeline has water flowing at a velocity of 3.2 fps. What is the gpm flow rate through the pipeline if the water is flowing at a depth of 5 inches?

PRACTICE PROBLEMS 2.2: Velocity Calculations
1. A channel has a rectangular cross section. The channel is 5 ft wide with water flowing to a depth of 2.3 ft. If the flow rate through the channel is 13,400 gpm, what is the velocity of the water in the channel (ft/sec)? (Round to the nearest tenth.)
ANS
2. An 8-inch diameter pipe flowing full delivers 537 gpm. What is the velocity of flow in the pipeline (ft/sec)? (Round to the nearest tenth.)
ANS
3. A fluorescent dye is used to estimate the velocity of flow in a sewer. The dye is injected into the water at one manhole and the travel time to the next manhole 500 ft away is noted. The dye first appears at the downstream manhole in 195 seconds. The dye continues to be visible until the total elapsed time is 221 seconds. What is the ft/sec velocity of flow through the pipeline? (Round to the nearest tenth.)
ANS

4.	The velocity in a 10-inch	diameter pipeline	is 2.6 ft/sec.]	If the 10-inch	pipeline flows
	into an 8-inch diameter p	ipeline, what is th	e velocity in the	he 8-inch pip	eline in ft/sec.?

ANS_____

5. A float travels 400 ft in a channel in 1 min 28 sec. What is the estimated velocity in the channel (ft/sec)? (Round to the nearest tenth.)

ANS_____

6. The velocity in a 8-inch diameter pipe is 3.6 ft/sec. If the flow then travels through a 10-inch diameter section of pipeline, what is the ft/sec velocity in the 10-inch pipeline? (Round to the nearest tenth.)

PRACTICE PROBLEMS 2.3: Average Flow Rates
 The following flows were recorded for the week: Monday—4.6 MGD; Tuesday—5.2 MGD; Wednesday—5.3 MGD; Thursday—4.9 MGD; Friday—5.4 MGD; Saturday—5.1 MGD; Sunday—4.8 MGD. What was the average daily flow rate for the week?
ANS
2. The totalizer reading for the month of November was 117.3 MG. What was the average daily flow (ADF) for the month of November? (Round to the nearest tenth.)
ANS
3. The following flows were recorded for the months of April, May, and June: April—125.6 MG; May—142.4 MG; June—160.2 MG. What was the average daily flow for this three-month period? (Round to the nearest tenth.)
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4. The total flow for one day at a plant was 3,140,000 gallons. What was the average gpm flow for that day?

PRACTICE PROBLEMS 2.4: Flow Conversions	
1. Express a flow of 5 cfs in terms of gpm.	
2. What is 38 gps expressed as gpd?	ANS
3. Convert a flow of 4,270,000 gpd to cfm.	ANS
4. What is 5.6 MGD expressed as cfs? (Round to the nearest tenth.)	ANS
	ANS

5. Express 423,690 cfd as gpm.

ANS_____

6. Convert 2730 gpm to gpd.

Chapter 2—Achievement Test
 A channel has a rectangular cross section. The channel is 6 ft wide with water flowing to a depth of 2.6 ft. If the flow rate through the channel is 15,500 gpm, what is the velocity of the water in the channel (ft/sec)? (Round to the nearest tenth.)
ANS
2. The following flows were recorded for the week: Monday—4.1 MGD; Tuesday—3.4 MGD; Wednesday—3.9 MGD; Thursday—4.6 MGD; Friday—3.2 MGD; Saturday—4.9 MGD; Sunday—3.7 MGD. What was the average daily flow rate for the week?
ANS
3. A channel 50 inches wide has water flowing to a depth of 3.2 ft. If the velocity of the water is 3.9 fps, what is the cfm flow in the channel?
ANS
4. The following flows were recorded for the months of June, July, and August: June—105.2 MG; July—129.6 MG; August—142.8 MG. What was the average daily flow for this three-month period? (Round to the nearest tenth.)
ANS

5. A tank is 10 ft by 10 ft. With the discharge valve closed, the influent to the tank causes the water level to rise 8 inches in one minute. What is the gpm flow to the tank?
ANS 6. An 8-inch diameter pipe flowing full delivers 490 gpm. What is the ft/sec velocity of flow in the pipeline?
ANS 7. Express a flow of 8 cfs in terms of gpm.
ANS 8. The totalizer reading for the month of October was 127.6 MG. What was the average daily flow (ADF) for the month of October? (Round to the nearest tenth.)
ANS

Chapter 2—Achievement Test Cont'd	
9. What is 4.8 MGD expressed as cfs? (Round to the nearest tenth.)	
	ANS
10. A pump discharges into a 2-ft diameter barrel. If the water level in 18 inches in 30 seconds, what is the gpm flow into the barrel?	the barrel rises
	ANS
11. Convert a flow of 1,780,000 gpd to cfm.	
	ANS
12. A 6-inch diameter pipeline has water flowing at a velocity of 2.7 fg flow rate through the pipeline? (Assume the pipe is flowing full.)	os. What is the gpm
	ANS

13. A fluorescent dye is used to estimate the velocity of flow in a sewer. The dye is injected into the water at one manhole and the travel time to the next manhole 300 ft away is noted. The dye first appears at the downstream manhole in 77 seconds. The dye continues to be visible until there is a total elapsed time of 95 seconds. What is the ft/sec velocity of flow through the pipeline?	
ANS 14. The velocity in a 10-inch pipeline is 2.4 ft/sec. If the 10-inch pipeline flows into an 8-inch diameter pipeline, what is the ft/sec velocity in the 8-inch pipeline? (Round to the nearest tenth.)	
ANS 15. Convert 2150 gpm to gpd.	
ANS	
16. The total flow for one day at a plant was 4,620,000 gallons. What was the average gpm flow for that day? ANS	



PRACTICE PROBLEMS 3.1: Chemical Dosage Calculations
1. Determine the chlorinator setting (lbs/day) needed to treat a flow of 5.1 MGD with a chlorine dose of 2.3 mg/L.
 ANS To dechlorinate a wastewater, sulfur dioxide is to be applied at a level 3 mg/L more than the chlorine residual. What should the sulfonator feed rate be (lbs/day) for a flow of 3.8 MGD with a chlorine residual of 2.9 mg/L?
 ANS A total chlorine dosage of 8 mg/L is required to treat a particular water. If the flow is 1.6 MGD and the hypochlorite has 65% available chlorine, how many lbs/day of hypochlorite will be required?
 4. What should the chlorinator setting be (lbs/day) to treat a flow of 4.6 MGD if the chlorine demand is 8.5 mg/L and a chlorine residual of 2 mg/L is desired?
ANS

5. The chlorine dosage at a plant is 4.1 mg/L. If the the chlorine feed rate in lbs/day?	flow rate is 6,140,000 gpd, what is
 A storage tank is to be disinfected with 50 mg/L gallons, how many pounds of chlorine (gas) will 	ANS of chlorine. If the tank holds 85,000 be needed?
	ANS
 7. To neutralize a sour digester, one pound of lime is volatile acids in the digester liquor. If the digester a volatile acid (VA) level of 2,120 mg/L, how ma 	s to be added for every pound of contains 224,000 gal of sludge with ny pounds of lime should be added?
 A flow of 0.72 MGD requires a chlorine dosage 65% available chlorine, how many lbs/day of hy 	ANS of 8 mg/L. If the hypochlorite has pochlorite will be required?
	ANS

PRACTICE PROBLEMS 3.2: Loading Calculations—BOD, COD, and SS
 The suspended solids concentration of the wastewater entering the primary system is 425 mg/L. If the plant flow is 1,620,000 gpd, how many lbs/day suspended solids enter the primary system?
ANS
 Calculate the BOD loading (lbs/day) on a stream if the secondary effluent flow is 2.98 MGD and the BOD of the secondary effluent is 26 mg/L.
ANS
3. The daily flow to a trickling filter is 5,340,000 gpd. If the BOD content of the trickling filter influent is 280 mg/L, how many lbs/day BOD enter the trickling filter?
ANS

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4. The flow to an aeration tank is 2460 gpm. If the COD concentration of the water is 135 mg/L, how many pounds of COD are applied to the aeration tank daily? (Round the MGD flow to the nearest hundredth.)

ANS_____

5. The daily flow to a trickling filter is 2290 gpm with a BOD concentration of 295 mg/L. How many lbs of BOD are applied to the trickling filter daily? (Round the MGD flow to the nearest hundredth.)

PRACTICE PROBLEMS 3.3: BOD and SS Removal, lbs/day
1. If 148 mg/L suspended solids are removed by a primary clarifier, how many lbs/day suspended solids are removed when the flow is 5.2 MGD?
ANS
2. The flow to a primary clarifier is 1.89 MGD. If the influent to the clarifier has a suspended solids concentration of 315 mg/L and the primary effluent has 126 mg/L SS, how many lbs/day suspended solids are removed by the clarifier?
ANS
3. The flow to a trickling filter is 4,790,000 gpd. If the primary effluent has a BOD concentration of 160 mg/L and the trickling filter effluent has a BOD concentration of 24 mg/L, how many pounds of BOD are removed daily?
ANS

4. A primary clarifier receives a flow of 2.37 MGD with a suspended solids concentration of 387 mg/L. If the clarifier effluent has a suspended solids concentration of 166 mg/L, how many pounds of suspended solids are removed daily?

ANS_____

5. The flow to the trickling filter is 4,140,000 gpd with a BOD concentration of 215 mg/L. If the trickling filter effluent has a BOD concentration of 97 mg/L, how many lbs/day BOD are removed by the trickling filter?

PRACTICE PROBLEMS 3.4: Pounds of Solids Under Aeration

1. An aeration tank has a volume of 350,000 gallons. If the mixed liquor suspended solids concentration is 2140 mg/L, how many pounds of suspended solids are in the aeration tank?

ANS_____

2. The aeration tank of a conventional activated sludge plant has a mixed liquor volatile suspended solids concentration of 1960 mg/L. If the aeration tank is 110 ft long, 35 ft wide, and has wastewater to a depth of 13 ft, how many pounds of MLVSS are under aeration? (Round tank volume to the nearest ten thousand.)

ANS_____

3. The volume of an oxidation ditch is 24,500 cubic feet. If the MLVSS concentration is 2960 mg/L, how many pounds of volatile solids are under aeration? (Round ditch volume to the nearest ten thousand.)

4. An aeration tank is 120 ft long and 45 ft wide. The operating depth is 15 ft. If the mixed liquor suspended solids concentration is 2440 mg/L, how many pounds of mixed liquor suspended solids are under aeration? (Round tank volume to the nearest ten thousand.)

ANS_____

5. An aeration tank is 110 ft long and 40 ft wide. The depth of wastewater in the tank is 15 ft. If the tank contains an MLSS concentration of 2890 mg/L, how many lbs of MLSS are under aeration? (Round tank volume to the nearest ten thousand.)

1. The WAS suspended solids concentration is 6210 mg/L. If 5300 lbs/day solids are to be wasted, what must the WAS pumping rate be, in MGD? (Round MGD flow to the nearest hundredth.)

ANS_____

2. The WAS suspended solids concentration is 5970 mg/L. If 4600 lbs/day solids are to be wasted, (a) What must the WAS pumping rate be, in MGD? (Round MGD flow to the nearest hundredth.) (b) What is this rate expressed in gpm?

ANS_____

3. It has been determined that 6090 lbs/day of solids must be removed from the secondary system. If the RAS SS concentration is 6540 mg/L, what must be the WAS pumping rate, in gpm? (Round MGD flow to the nearest hundredth.)

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4. The RAS suspended solids concentration is 6280 mg/L. If a total of 7400 lbs/day solids are to be wasted, what should the WAS pumping rate be, in gpm? (Round MGD flow to the nearest hundredth.)

ANS_____

5. A total of 5700 lbs/day of solids must be removed from the secondary system. If the RAS SS concentration is 7140 mg/L, what must be the WAS pumping rate, in gpm? (Round MGD flow to the nearest hundredth.)