Applied Process Mathematics

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9 CC10 hours

Operators often have to use higher level mathematical formulas to perform their day to day work functions. This course will build on mathematical concepts taught in Introduction to Applied Process Mathematics and is designed to provide operators with problem solving skills specific to the water and wastewater industry. Participants will practice manipulating formulas for unknown variables, analyze operational problems using math skills, and review math skills necessary for certification exams. Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to calculate operational problems, such as flow quantity, effluent treatment and sludge volume.

- 1. Practice manipulating formulas for unknown variables
- 2. Practice analyzing operational problems using math skills
- 3. Demonstrate math skills necessary for certification exams

Agenda:

- 1. Introduction (30 minutes)
- 2. Sedimentation (60 minutes)
 - a. Process loadings
 - b. Detention times
 - c. Exercises
- 3. Chemical Addition (60 minutes)
- 4. Filtration (60 minutes)
 - a. Process loadings
 - b. Exercises
- 5. Activated sludge (60 minutes)
 - a. Process loadings and control
 - b. Exercises
- 6. Fixed film (60 minutes)
 - a. Process loadings
 - b. Exercises
- 7. Solids handling (60 minutes)
- 8. Review; Final Exam (30 minutes)



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Applied Process Mathematics for Water and Wastewater Operators



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Process Training Sessions

Before class starts, please:

Sign in on Attendance Sheet

<u>During classes</u>, please:

- Asks questions
- Feel free to get up and leave the classroom at any time (i.e., rest rooms, phone calls, etc.)
- Answer questions on worksheets and exercises





Housekeeping

- Start class 8:00 am
- Please mute/silence cell phones and pagers
- 10-minute Breaks every hour
- Lunch 11:30 am ~ 12:30 pm
- End class ~ 3:30 to 4:00 pm



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Ice Breaker and Discussion

- Before we start, let's introduce ourselves:
 - Name
 - What do you do
 - What are your specific math needs?
 - How to find math formulas?
 - How to improve learning math?
 - How to apply math at work?
 - How to answer math questions on certification exams?
 - Other?

(Allow 20 to 30 minutes for reflection and discussion)

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Instructor Expectations

- Begin and end class on time
- Be interactive
- Share experiences and needs
- Less lecture, more discussions
- Make this an enjoyable and informative experience!

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Ground Rules

- Discussion is encouraged
- Participate at your own comfort level
- Use terms we all can understand
- Everyone is different, so please show respect for others in the room
- · Listen with an open mind
- Express opinions of things, not people
- Maintain confidences



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Introduction

Class Purpose and Objectives

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Learning Objectives

- 1. To practice and build confidence using math skills
- 2. To select correct conversion values and formulas in math calculations
- 3. To apply math in treatment operations, pumps and motors, and hydraulics calculations
- 4. To practice manipulating formulas for unknown values
- 5. To practice analyzing operational problems using math skills
- To demonstrate math skills for certification exams

At the conclusion of the course, students should be able to:

- Calculate basic math operations and conversions
 - Areas (ft²) and volumes (ft³) of tanks
 - Flow rates (MGD, gpm)
 - Pounds and pounds/day from concentrations (mg/L)
 - Water pressure (psi) and head (ft)
 - Water, pump (brake), and motor horsepower (HP)
 - Treatment process parameters

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Calculators

- Reliable
- Battery preferred
- Easy to read large viewing screen
- Large buttons
- Square root (V) key
- Practice with it



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Why is Math Important?

- Operation monitoring, data reporting, and record keeping
 - Water Safe Drinking Water Act requirements
 - Wastewater Clean Water Act requirements
- Trending and troubleshooting
- Pass your operator certification exams

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Math Focus

- Math Fundamentals & Applications:
 - Calculator use
 - Efficiency
 - Unit conversions and converting
 - Tank surface areas and volumes
 - Flows and Velocities
 - Pressure & Head
 - Pumping & Horsepower

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Mathematical Terms

- Parenthesis (...): Used to separate different parts of the problem.
- Numerator: the number above the line in a fraction
- Denominator: the number below the line in a fraction

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Math - Rules of Operation

- Work from left to right
- Do all work inside parentheses (...) first
- Do all multiplication and division in the numerator and denominator next
- Then do all addition and subtraction above and below the line
- Lastly, divide the numerator by the denominator

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Math Fundamentals Averages Applied Mathematics - Water/Wastewater 15

Average

- Determines representative daily, weekly, monthly, or annual data
- Applied in:
 - Plant operations to determine "typical" performance parameters
 - Reporting of plant operating performance to state
 - Recordkeeping

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Average

- By calculating an average, one number will represent a group of numbers
- Most water applications use "arithmetic mean"

The sum of all measurements

Total number of measurements

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Average

- Average = <u>Sum of all numbers</u> Number of values
- Example:

Sum = 25 + 30 +20 + 21 + 12 + 45 + 8 = 161

Number of values = 7

Average = 161/7 = 23

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CALCULATING AVERAGES

Given: Day 1 - 235 Gallons Average flow for 3 days: Day 2 - 275 Gallons

Day 3 – 240 Gallons

Average Flow =

Sum of Measurements

Number of Measurements

Average Flow =

750 Gallons 3 Days

Average Flow = 250 Gallons/day

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Math – Solving Word Problems

- Read the problem...What type of problem is it?...What needs to be determined? Draw a diagram, if it would help.
- What information is needed to solve the problem? From question, determine formula(s) to use. Determine units of answer
- Fill data in the formula(s). Make the calculation...Does answer make sense?

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Steps in Solving Problems

- 1. What does the problem tell you?
- 2. What does the problem ask?
- 3. Determine the solution (Work the problem)

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Steps in Solving Problems

1. What does the problem tell you?

- Read the problem twice, underlining the key words and data
- List "Givens"
- Draw a picture of the situation
- $\boldsymbol{-}$ Label the picture with the given information

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Steps in Solving Problems

2. What does the problem ask?

- Determine from the problem and picture the "unknown" you are trying to find
- Perform the math to solve for the unknown
- Select the formula which solves for the unknown

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Steps in Solving Problems

- Determine the solution (Work the problem)
 - Write down selected formula
 - Plug in information from problem and picture
 - Check units of conversion
 - Compute the solution
 - Check results...reasonable?

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Monitoring and Control

Process Efficiencies

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Percentages and Efficiency, %

1. Removal Efficiency = (In – Out) x 100,%

In

2. Return Rate, % = QRAS x 100, %

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3. Reduction in VS, $\% = \frac{(In - Out) \times 100,\%^{**}}{}$

In – (In x Out)

**Note: All volatile solids information (In and Out) must be in decimal form.

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PERCENT (%) REMOVAL OR EFFICIENCY

• Definition:

The portion of pollutants removed in a process (unit) expressed as a percentage of what goes into the process (unit).

Removed = In – Out % Removal = (In – Out/ In) X 100

• Importance

Calculation of treatment unit efficiency.

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Percent Volatile Solids Loss

• If the VS content of the sludge going into the digester is 68% and the VS content of the digested sludge is 56%, what is the percent destruction of volatile solids in the digester?

Answer:

0.68 - 0.56) x 100,% = 0.12 x 100,% 0.68 - (0.68 x 0.56) 0.68 - 0.38

 $0.12 \times 100,\%$ = 0.4 x 100,% = 40%

0.30

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SAMPLE PROBLEM

- A tank has an influent suspended solids (SS) concentration of 180 mg/L and an effluent SS concentration of 60 mg/L. What is the percent (%) reduction in suspended solids in the tank?
 - -% removal = (In-Out)/In X 100
 - -% removal = (180-60)/180 X 100
 - % removal= 67%

Math Fundamentals

Conversions and Unit Converting

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Weight/Volume Relationship



1 gallon weighs = $\frac{62.4 \text{ lbs/ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3}$ = 8.34 lbs/gal

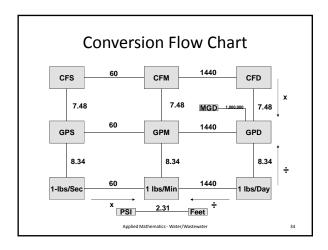
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Common Conversion Factors

- 60 seconds in a minute
- 60 minutes in an hour
- 24 hours in a day
- 7.48 gallons per cubic foot
- 8.34 pounds per gallon
- 2.31 feet of head = 1 psi

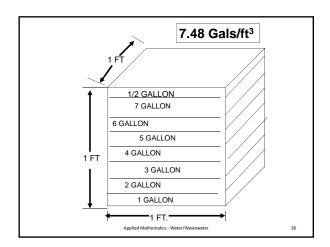
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Other Conversion Factors

- 1 KW = 1.34 HP
- 1 HP = 0.746 KW
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- 1 Acre = 43,560 sq ft 1 lb = 454 grams
- 1 ft = 12 inches
- 1 cu ft = 28.32 liters
- 3.28 ft = 1 meter
- 1 gal = 3.785 liters
- 1 yd = 3 ft
- 1 mile = 5280 ft



Converting Volumes from Cubic Feet and Gallons

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline
 ft^3 & \xrightarrow{7.48} \\
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 \vdots & & Gallons
\end{array}$$

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Converting Volumes Cubic Feet and Gallons

If you know ft³: (multiply)

 $1,000 \text{ ft}^3 \text{ x } 7.48 \text{ gallons/ft}^3 = 7,480 \text{ gals}$

x 7.48 =

Gallons

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Converting Volumes Cubic Feet and Gallons

If you know gallons: (divide)

$$\frac{7,480 \text{ gals}}{7.48 \text{ gals/ft}^3}$$
 = 1,000 ft³

Converting Temperatures

$$F^{\circ} = (C^{\circ} \times 9/5) + 32$$

= $(C^{\circ} \times 1.8) + 32$

$$C^{\circ} = (F^{\circ} - 32) \times 5/9$$

= $(F^{\circ} - 32)/1.8$

$$(\underline{F}^{\circ} - 32) = \underline{C}^{\circ}$$
180 100

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Temperature Conversion

To convert Celsius to Fahrenheit:

$$F^{\circ} = (C^{\circ} \times 1.8) + 32$$

Example:



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Temperature Conversion

To convert Fahrenheit to Celsius:

$$C^{\circ} = \frac{(F^{\circ} - 32^{\circ})}{1.8}$$



Example: $85^{\circ} F = ? C^{\circ}$ $C^{\circ} = \frac{(85 - 32)}{1.8}$ $C^{\circ} = \frac{(53)}{1.8}$ $C^{\circ} = 29.44^{\circ}$

Common Flow Units

- gpm gallons per minute
- cfs cubic feet per second
- gpd gallons per day
- MGD million gallons per day

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Converting Million Gallons into MGD

• Divide the number by 1,000,000

$$\frac{2,600,000}{1,000,000} = 2.6$$

Or

• Move decimal point 6 places to the left 2,600,000 → 2,600,000, → 2.6 MGD

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Converting Units

- Determine what units are provided
- Decide what units are needed
- Draw a unit "conversion grid"
- Fill in number and units
- Enter conversion factors
- Verify that units cancel
- "Run the numbers"

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Converting Units - Example

- Convert 60 miles per hour to feet per second
 - Draw a unit "conversion grid"
 - Fill in number, units, and conversion factors

60 miles	5280 ft	1 Hour	1 min	88 feet
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Math Class Exercise #1

• Convert the following numbers:

4 yards = 144 inches

2.5 MGD = 1736 gpm

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Math Fundamentals

Areas and Volumes

Finding Area and Volume – Rectangular Tank

- Area of a Rectangle: A = L x W
 - Area (A) equals length (L) times width (W)
- Volume of a Rectangle:

$$V = L \times W \times H$$

 Volume (V) equals length (L) times width (W) times height (H)



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Finding Area and Volume – Circular Tank

- AREA of a Circular tank (Radius)
 - 3.14 x R x R
 - $\pi R^2 = \underline{\pi D}^2 = 0.785 D^2$
- VOLUME of a Circular tank
 - $\quad \pi \; R^2 \; x \; H = 0.785 \; D^2 \; x \; H$





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Diameter and Radius of Circles

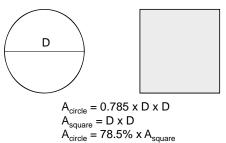
- **DIAMETER (D)** is the measurement across the circle:
 - 90 feet



- RADIUS (R) is half the diameter:
 - 45 feet



Square and Circle Areas



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Areas and Volumes

Rectangular

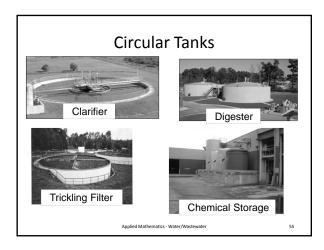
- L Length
- W Width
- H Height
- (1) A Surface Area = L x W
- (2) V Volume $= L \times W \times H$

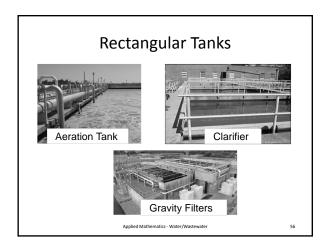
<u>Circular</u>

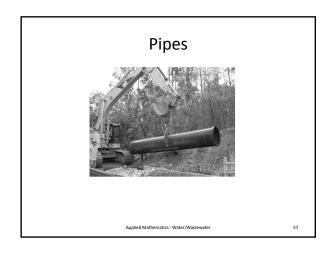
- D Diameter
- H Height or depth
- (1) A Surface Area $= 0.785 \times D^2$
- (2) V Volume $= 0.785 \times D^2 \times H$

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Areas and Volumes Open channel flow, cross sectional area Circular or cylindrical tank Rectangular tank Length

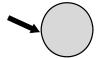






Circumference of Circle

• Distance around the outside edge



• Circumference = $C = \pi D = 3.14 \times D$ = 3.14 x 2 x R

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Units of Volume

- A cubic unit measurement of the inside capacity of an object
 - -Expressed in cubed terms (ft3)
- To obtain volume you multiply the object's surface area by the objects length (height)

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Volume of a Circular Tank

Volume of a circular tank: V = A x H

Volume (V) equals area (A) times height Area = $0.785 \times D^2$ Volume = $(0.785 \times D^2) \times H$

For a cylinder that has a diameter of 3 ft and is 4 ft long:

Volume= $0.785 \times D^2 \times H = 0.785 \times (3)^2 \times 4$ = $0.785 (9) \times 4 = 7.065 \times 4$ = 28.26 ft^3



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Figuring gallons in a pipe



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Gallons in a pipe:

- Our example pipe has a diameter of 18 inches
- Is 20 feet long
- Is made of ductile iron with a cement liner

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Gallons in a pipe:		
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convert the inches of diameter to feet:		
.8" diameter = 1.5 ft diameter		
12" per ft		
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Gallons in a pipe:

(2) Next, calculate the pipe opening in ft²

(1) First

0.785 x 1.5' x 1.5' = 1.766 sq ft

Or

3.14 x 0.75' x 0.75' = 1.766 sq ft

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Gallons in a pipe

(3) Now calculate the cubic feet of the pipe:

1.766 ft² x 20 ft length = 35.325 ft³

(4) Next, convert the cubic feet to gallons:

 $35.325 \text{ ft}^3 \text{ x } 7.48 \text{ gallons/ft}^3 = 264.23 \text{ gallons}$

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Math Class Exercise #2

• Calculate the surface areas of the following tanks:

$$W = 30 \text{ ft}$$
 = 1650 ft²
L = 55 ft

Dia. = 37 ft =
$$1075$$
 ft²

Dia. = 110 ft =
$$9499$$
 ft²

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Math Class Exercise #3

• Calculate the volumes of the following tanks:

$$W = 30 \text{ ft}$$
 = 19,800 ft³
L = 55 ft, D = 12 ft

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Solving for the Unknown

- An unknown in an equation is a variable that is being solve for
- When solving for an unknown, say "x";
 - It must be in the numerator
 - 23 x = 145
 - 1 + x = 27
 - 107 = 42 -
 - It must be by itself on one side of the equation

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Solving for the Unknown

- How to get "x" by itself:
 - Addition and Subtraction:
 - Get numbers away from "x" by moving the numbers across the "=" sign
 - When a number crosses the "=" sign, it does the opposite of what it was doing on the other side
 - x 10 = 35 **→**
- x = 35 + 10 = 45
- 16 = x + 4 -
- 16 4 = x = 12

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Solving for the Unknown

- How to get "x" by itself:
 - Multiplication and division:
 - To get "x" by itself, numbers must be moved across the "=" sign by dividing or multiplying the number by itself
 - Numbers will move at a diagonal when crossing the "=" sign
 - 6 x = 60
- **→**
- 6x = 60 6 6
- → x = 1

- $\frac{x}{2} = 12$
- **→**
- 6 63 x = 3 x 12
 - → x = 36

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Solving for the Unknown

• If "x" is in the denominator, it can trade places with a number on the other side of the "=" sign; e.g., flip-flop

2 = x = 0.5

$$\frac{80}{3700} = x = 0.0216$$

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Solving for the Unknown

- Order of operations when solving for an unknown that involves +, -, X, and ÷:
 - Do addition and subtraction first
 - Then do the multiplication and division

$$2 x - 5 = 40$$

$$2 x - 5 = 40$$

2 x = 45

Solving for the Unknown

- The procedure for solving for x in x^2 is the same as solving for x
- One extra step is involved at the end, taking the square root of both sides of the equation

$$(x^2)(0.785) = 2826$$

$$x^2 = \frac{2826}{0.785} = 3600$$

$$x = 60$$

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Math Class Exercise #4

• Solve for the unknown:

$$(23)(x)(7.48) = 542$$

$$x = 3.15$$

$$\frac{(8)(x)}{(3)(3)} = 21$$

$$56.5 = 3800$$
 $(x)(8.34)$

$$x = 8.06$$

$$(0.785)(D^2) = 5024$$

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Flow and Velocity

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Common Flow Units

- Formula: Q = V(ft/sec) X A(ft²)
- MGD millions of gallons/day
- gpd gallons/day
- gph gallons/hour
- gpm gallons/minutes
- ft/sec feet/second (Velocity)

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Flow and Velocities

- A Cross sectional area of flow, ft²
- V Velocity of flow, ft/sec
- Q Flow, ft³/sec
- Flow and velocity equations:
 - (1) $Q = V \times A$, ft^3/sec
 - (2) V = Q/A, ft/sec
- Flow units can be converted to:
 - MGD, GPD, gpm

Flow Rate

- Flow (or Discharge)
 - The quantity of water passing a given point in a channel or pipe during a given period of time.

$$Q = V \times A$$

Where:

Q = Flow in cubic feet per second (cfs)

V = Water velocity in feet per second (ft/sec)

A = Cross-sectional area of flow (ft2)

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Flow Calculation Examples

A 3-ft diameter pipe is flowing full at 2 feet per second. What is the flow rate in cubic feet per second?

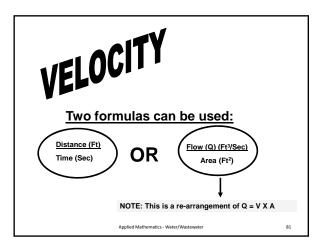
- 1. Calculate the pipe cross-sectional area: Area = $0.785 \times D^2 = 0.785(3)^2 = .785(9) = 7.07 \text{ ft}^2$
- 2. Substitute values into the equation $Q = V \times A$:

V = 2 fps (Given)

A = 7.07 ft² (Calculated in step 1)

 $Q = V \times A = 2 \text{ ft/sec} \times 7.07 \text{ ft}^2 = 14.1 \text{ ft}^3/\text{sec}$

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Calculate Velocity

What is the water velocity in a pipe flowing full if:

The pipe is 600 feet long and disinfectant takes 2 minutes to reach the end

Calculate velocity in Feet/Second (fps)

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What's the Velocity, fps?

V = <u>distance, feet</u> time

V = 600 ft

2 minutes x 60 sec./minute = 120 seconds

V = 600 ft 120 secV = 5.00 fps

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Velocity and Flow Calculation

Water is flowing 33 inches deep in a 4-foot wide channel. A float dropped in the channel travels 28 feet in 10 seconds.

What is the flow in gallons per day?

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$FLOW = V \times A$

Depth = 33 in /12 in/ft = 2.75 ft Area = 2.75 Ft deep X 4 Ft wide = 11 Ft²

V = Distance/time = 28 Ft /10 Sec = 2.8 ft/sec

Q = V x A = 2.8 ft/sec x 11 Ft² = 30.8 Ft³/sec Q = 30.8 ft³/sec x (60 x 1440) sec/day x 7.48 gals/ft³

Q = 19,905,178 gals/day

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Math Class Exercise #5

• Solve for velocity $(V = Q \div A)$:

Channel: 3 ft wide = 2.5 ft/sec Depth of flow: 2.75 ft Q = 13.5 MGD

Full Pipe
Dia. = 18 inch
Q = 5.5 MGD = 4.8 ft/sec

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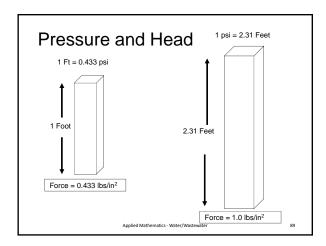
Math Class Exercise #6

• Solve for Flow, (Q = VA):

Channel: 3 ft wide = 21.8 MGD Depth of flow: 2.75 ft V = 4.1 ft/sec

Full Pipe
Dia. = 18 inch
V = 3.75 ft/sec = 4.2 MGD

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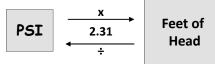


Pressure and Head

- psi Pressure, pounds per square inch
- H Head, feet of water pressure
- 1 psi = 2.31 feet of water pressure

(2) psi = H/2.31

Converting Pressure into Head



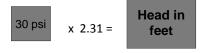
*Memory hint: To make the small number (psi) into the large number (feet), you multiply. To make the large number (feet) into the small number (psi), you divide

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Converting Pressures

If you know psi: (multiply)

30 psi x 2.31 feet/psi = 69.3 feet



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Converting Pressures

If you know feet: (divide)

/ 2.31 = psi

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Sample Questions

• What is the pressure at the bottom of a tank filled with 100 feet of water?

100 feet/2.31 = **43.3 psi**

• A pump discharge gauge reads 35 psi when the pump is off. What is the pressure head, in feet, above the gauge?

35 psi x 2.31 = **80.85 feet**

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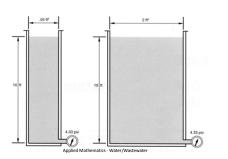
The level indicator has broken on the elevated water storage tank. The pressure gauge near the bottom is reading 39.8 psi. How many feet of water are in the tank?

39.8 psi x 2.31 =

91.9 feet

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Pressure is dependent only on the height (head) of the water, not the size (volume) of the tank



Math Class Exercise #7

• Solve for the pressure and feet of head:

25 psi = 57.75 ft

150 feet = 64.9 psi

65 psi = 150 feet

98 feet = 42.4 psi

201 feet 87 psi

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Pounds Formulas

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Basic Units

- Concentrations:
 - mg/L milligrams per Liter
 - ppm parts per million
 - -1 mg/l = 1 ppm
 - -1.0% solids = 10,000 mg/l
- Pound Loadings, lbs/day
- Pound Loadings, lbs/day/ft² and lbs/day/ft³

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1. Pounds

Pounds = $mg/l \times 8.34 \times MG$

Pounds = Conc (mg/l) x 8.34 x Vol (MG)

2. Pounds/day (ppd)

 $ppd = mg/L \times 8.34 \times MGD$

ppd = Conc (mg/L) x 8.34 x Flow (MGD)

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Math Class Exercise #8

• Solve for the unknown:

15.5 MGD = 12,398 lbs/day 181 mg/L

2.1 MGD = 0.07 mg/L1.22 lbs/day =

10.7 MGD 3.1 mg/L 278 lbs/day

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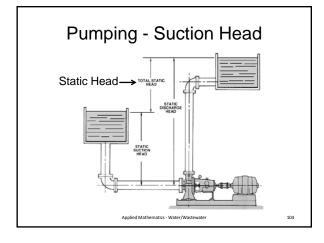
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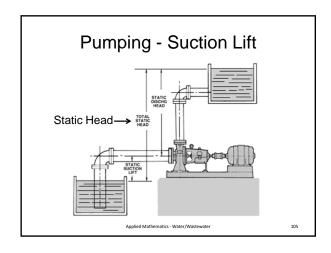
Pumping and Horsepower

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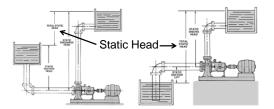
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Pumping Moving fluid requires pumps Pumps and motors need to overcome discharge head Motor horsepower depends on: Total Dynamic Head Pump efficiency Motor efficiency





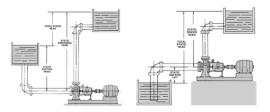
Total Static Head



 Vertical distance between the free levels of supply source and discharge liquid

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Total Dynamic Head (TDH)



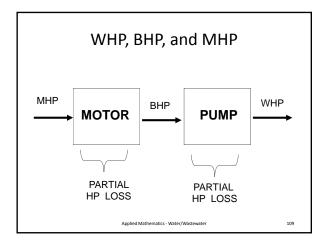
- TDH = Static Head + friction losses
- Friction losses due to piping and velocity

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HORSEPOWER

WHP = Flow (gpm) X Head (ft) 3960

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WHP, BHP, and MHP

- What is Horse Power (hp)?
 - The amount of horse power required to lift water a certain amount of vertical distance
 - Water hp
 - Brake hp
 - Motor hp

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WHP, BHP, and MHP

- 1. WHP = $\frac{\text{Flow (gpm) x Head (Ft)}}{3960}$
- 2. BHP = $\frac{\text{Flow (gpm) x Head (ft)}}{3960 \text{ x eff}_{\text{pump}}}$
- 3. MHP = $\frac{\text{Flow (qpm) x Head (ft)}}{3960 \text{ x eff}_{\text{motor}} \text{ x eff}_{\text{pump}}}$

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WHP Example

What minimum water horsepower is needed to pump 1,200 gpm against a total dynamic head of 70 feet?

WHP = Flow (gpm) x Head (ft) 3960

> = <u>1,200 gpm x 70 ft</u> = <u>21.2 HP</u> 3960

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MHP Example

What minimum motor horsepower is needed to pump 1,200 gpm against a total dynamic head of 70 feet, if the pump efficiency is 85% and the motor efficiency is 92%?

WHP = Flow (gpm) x Head (ft) 3960 x eff_p x eff_m

> = <u>1,200 gpm x 70 ft</u> = <u>27.1 HP</u> 3960 x 0.85 x 0.92

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MHP Example

Determine motor horsepower, if flow is 1.5 mgd, total dynamic head is 40 feet, pump efficiency is 80% and motor efficiency is 90%.

MHP = Flow (gpm) x Head (ft) $3960 \times eff_m \times eff_p$

> = (1.5 mgd x 1,000,000 gals/mg ÷1440 mins/day) x 40 ft 3960 x 0.9 x 0.8

= <u>1042 gpm x 40 ft</u> = <u>41,667</u> = 14.6 HP 3960 x 0.9 x 0.8 2851

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Fluids other than Water

- 1. WHP = Flow (gpm) x Head (Ft) x sp. gr. 3960
- 2. BHP = $\frac{\text{Flow (qpm) x Head (ft) x sp. qr.}}{3960 \text{ x eff}_{\text{pump}}}$
- 3. MHP = $\frac{\text{Flow (gpm) x Head (ft) x sp. gr.}}{3960 \text{ x eff}_{\text{motor}} \text{ x eff}_{\text{pump}}}$

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Process Math

Detention Time

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Detention Time

• D.T. = Volume of Tank = V/Q

Flow

- Detention time in clarifiers and aeration tanks is in hours
- Detention time in digesters is in days
- Detention time in UV Light disinfection units is in seconds
- Detention time in chlorine disinfection tanks is in minutes

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Detention Time Example

What is the detention time, in hours, of a clarifier with a capacity of 200,000 gallons receiving a flow of 1.2 MGD?

D.T. = <u>V</u> = <u>200,000 gals</u> Q (1.2 MGD x 1,000,000 gals/MG)/24 hrs/day

= <u>200,000 gal</u> = 4.0 hours 50,000 gals/hour

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Chemical Addition

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CHLORINE DOSE, DEMAND and RESIDUAL

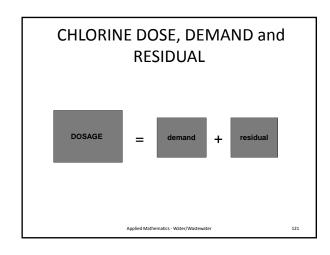
DOSE: TOTAL amount delivered

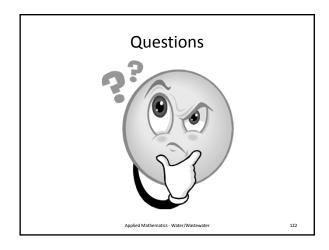
• DEMAND: what's in the water that

consumes the chlorine

• RESIDUAL: what's left over

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Post Test



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