

Homework #9 (group) – Thursday, April 19 by 4:00 pm
5290 exercises (individual) – Thursday, April 19 by 4:00 pm
extra credit (individual) – Tuesday, April 24 by 4:00 pm

Readings for this homework assignment and upcoming lectures

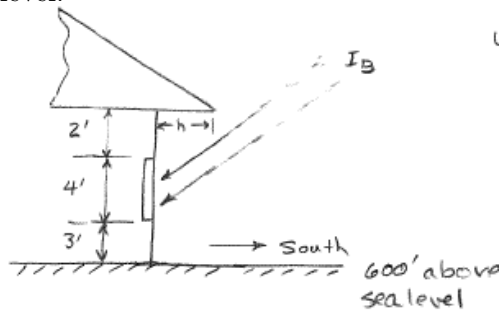
- Review lecture notes:
 - Part 11a. Solar Energy - Insolation
 - Part 11b. Solar Energy - Collectors
 - Part 11c. Solar Energy - Storage
 - Part 12. Solar Energy - Photovoltaics
- Review Appendix M. Solar Constants (for Northern Latitudes)
- Review Appendix N. Solar Position and Irradiation Values
- Review Appendix O. Variation of Solar Radiation with Latitude

Homework Submission

- For this assignment, the 4200-portion of the homework is to be worked as a group assignment and submitted as a group in class or by dropping off at my office (room 905). If you use EES for this assignment, then print a copy of the code and solution and include with the homework.
- MEEM 5290 problems are always to be worked and submitted individually.
- Extra credit exercises are always to be worked and submitted individually.
- **At the end of each problem, rank your confidence in the answer from 1 to 5; 5 being very confident and 1 being ‘a guess’.**
- Include the course number (MEEM4200, MEEM5290) in the subject line of any email correspondence.

Homework #9 - due Thursday, April 19 by 4:00 pm

1. Calculate the sun's altitude and azimuth angles at 50° N at 9:00 a.m. apparent sun time on July 21.
2. For exercise 1, find the angle of incidence, θ , for a surface facing east-southeast with an inclination of:
 - (a) 0° (horizontal),
 - (b) 60° from horizontal, and
 - (c) 90° (vertical).
3. A solar collector is designed to track the sun so that the collector surface is always perpendicular to the sun's rays. The collector is located at 47° N and 88° W.
 - (a) Determine the tilt and azimuth angles of the collector necessary for proper tracking at 9:00 am, local time on May 10th.
 - (b) Determine the combined beam (direct) and diffuse-scattered solar insolation if the sky is clear at the same time and date.
4. What should the overhang h be so that the south-facing window is shaded at solar noon on June 21? The house is located in Houghton, Michigan at an elevation of 600 feet above sea level.



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5. The west wall of a red-brick building is located at 35° North latitude and 117° West longitude. Evaluate the combined absorbed beam and diffuse-scattered solar energy flux at 6:00 pm daylight savings time on August 15 for a clear sky.
6. A 300-ft-long 6-ft-wide parabolic trough concentrator receives normal solar insolation of 905 W/m^2 . A pipe at the focal line receives 450 lbm/hr of water at 200 psia and 75°F . The water exits at 180 psia. The parabolic trough has reflective losses of 5%.
 - (a) Calculate the temperature of the water at the exit. Is the water at the exit subcooled, saturated, or superheated?
 - (b) At this same solar insolation, what should the flow rate be so that the water exits as saturated liquid?
 - (c) What should the flow rate be if the exit temperature is to be limited to 200°F ?