

Session #2 Assignment

Fundamentals of Photovoltaic Engineering

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In this assignment you are going to estimate the global irradiation incident on a PV generator mounted on a south-oriented fixed structure with an inclination near to the optimum value. You should use the location and the global radiation values of the step #7 (or step #4) of previous assignment.

1. Compute the declination, δ , day length, w_s , and daily extraterrestrial irradiation on the horizontal plane, $B_{0d}(0)$ for the “average monthly days” (see table below).
2. Compute the clearness index, K_{Tm} , and fraction of diffuse, F_{Dm} , with the 12 monthly averages of global irradiation on the horizontal plane (step #7 or #4 of previous assignment). Compute the beam and diffuse components of solar radiation on the horizontal plane.
3. Compute the cosine of the zenith angle, $\cos(\theta_{zs})$, and the cosine of the angle of incidence, $\cos(\theta_s)$ **for each day (month) of the table**. You should obtain 24 values per day (a value for each hour in a day).
4. Compute the intradaily profiles, r_D and r_G **for each day (month) of the table**. You should obtain 24 values per day (a value for each hour in a day).
5. With the results of steps #3 and #4, compute the diffuse, global, and beam hourly irradiation profiles. Therefore, for each day of the table you should obtain 24 values of hourly global radiation (thus, a total of $12 \cdot 24 = 288$ values of hourly global radiation).
6. Transform the hourly beam and diffuse radiation components on the horizontal plane to the plane of the plane of the generator.
7. Sum the results of previous step to obtain the 12 monthly averages of daily global, diffuse, and beam radiation on the plane of the generator.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
d_n	17	45	74	105	135	161	199	230	261	292	322	347