

merged_topic_0: investment, return, irr, projects, internal / investment, projects, irr, return, rate

- If a project is planned an estimate of the benefits derived is compared in ratio form to the cost incurred
- Should this ratio be more than the project is clearly worthwhile and the projects with the highest benefitcost ratios should be constructed first because these will provide the greatest returns on the investment
- Internal Rate of Return (IRR) is an indicator to reflect the profit of the projects
- The IRR is the annualized effective compounded return rate or rate of return that makes the net present value of all cash flows (both positive and negative) from a particular investment equal to zero
- In more specific terms the IRR of an investment is the discount rate at which the net present value of costs (negative cash flows) of the investment equals the net present value of the benefits (positive cash flows) of the investment
- Internal rates of return are commonly used to evaluate the desirability of investments or projects
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- IRR values of some of the projects Often the benefits of a proposed project are not such simple items as recreational value but the more serious concern for human health or other social aspects
- Refer Box for details

merged_topic_1: decisions, technical, information, decision, engineers / technical, decisions, engineering, vesilind, morgan

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- Because so few engineering decisions turn out poorly engineering decision making is a littleknown and rarely discussed process
- Yet when a decision turns out to be wrong the results are often catastrophic
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- (Vesilind and Morgan)
- Engineering decisions Engineering decisions could be based on () Technical feasibility () Economic Viability () Socially Acceptable () Environmental friendly Technical feasibility Technical decisions are quantifiable and can be evaluated and checked by other competent professional engineers
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- These assumptions of course must be made using the best available data with a (sometimes liberal) sprinkling of good judgment
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- The inherent method of decision making is the same in all cases
- The problem is first analyzed taken apart and viewed from many perspectives
- When all the numbers are in and the variables are evaluated the information is synthesized into a solution (Vesilind and Morgan)
- Approximations in engineering calculations Engineers are often called on to provide information not in its exact form but as approximations
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- In engineering there seldom is one best way to design a project or a product
- If there ever was a best way then engineering would become stagnant innovation would cease and technical paralysis would set in
- look alike(Vesilind and Morgan)
- The undergraduate engineering student is often taught during early years of an engineering education that each homework assignment and test question has a single right answer and that all other answers are wrong
- But in engineering practice many technical decision may be right in that a problem may have several equally correct technical solutions
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merged_topic_2: engineering, sincero, benefit, application, principles /
environmental, engineering, public, pollution, water

- Engineering Engineering is a profession that applies mathematics and science to utilize the properties of matter and sources of energy to create useful structures machines products systems and processes (Davis and Cornwell)

- Engineering may be defined as the application under constraints of scientific principles to the planning design construction and operation of structures equipment and systems for the benefit of society (Sincero and Sincero)

- Engineering is the profession in which a knowledge of the mathematical and natural sciences gained by study experience and practice is applied with judgment to develop ways to economically utilize the materials and forces of nature for the benefit of human society

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- Social analysis may involve engaging with stakeholders understanding their needs and concerns and incorporating their input into the engineering process
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merged_topic_4: assessment, environmental, impacts, products, cycle / project, implementation, impacts, environmental, activity

- The Environmental Impact of any project is evaluated through different assessment methods

- This involves considering factors such as air and water pollution greenhouse gas emissions habitat destruction and resource depletion

- While carrying out an Environmental Assessment (EA) of a project a no project scenario is referred against the various alternatives which help to identify the environmental impacts and engineering or social mitigation measures

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- While technical calculations can answer technical questions questions of cost require a different form of engineering decision making ie
- Engineering typically find themselves working for an employer or client who requires that various alternatives for solving an engineering problem be analysed on the basis of the cost
- For example if a municipal engineer is considering purchasing refuse collection vehicles and finds that he or she can buy either expensive trucks that achieve great compaction of the refuse thereby making efficient trips to the landfill or inexpensive trucks that require more trips to the landfill how does the engineer know which is less expensive for the community

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merged_topic_8: nepal, engineers, council, nepalese, institution / professional, sophen, members, nepal, international

- There are three levels of environmental study in Nepal as per project size

- Institution related to engineers in Nepal In Nepal Different institutions and associations are working in this sector
- Nepal Engineering Council (NEC) was formed under the Nepal Engineering Council Act promulgated by then His Majesty the King on BS
- Nepal Engineering Council Rules has also been prepared and approved by then His Majestys Government as per the provision of Clause of the Act
- The first Executive Council was formed on Magh
- It directs the relationships of Nepalese Engineers with Public Employers and Clients Other Engineers
- The major scope of the NEC is Licensing on the basis of exam Registration of Engineer Recognition of academic institutions
- Nepal Engineers Association (NEA) is an independent nonprofit organization of Nepalese Engineers
- It was established in AD (BS)
- NEA during was successful in establishing this very organization
- The organizing of the World Engineering Congress along with the first three national conventions were major milestones in this period
- Nepal Engineers Association office is located at Lalitpur behind UNDP building
- The main objectives to NEA are To promote development of engineering science and technology in Nepal
- To promote fellowship goodwill and cooperation assistance among the Nepalese engineers and safeguard their rights and interests
- Society of Environmental Engineers Nepal (SEEN) is an institution established by Environmental Engineers of Nepal
- It works for the welfare or Environmental Engineering professionals of Nepal
- Its head office is located at Babarmahal Kathmandu
- Society of Public Health Engineers Nepal (SOPHEN) was registered in Nepal in AD (BS) as an independent professional organization by a group of Nepalese Engineers
- Nepal Environment Society (NES) is an institution that includes all the Environmental professionals of Nepal
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- In Nepal Society of Public Health Engineers (SOPHEN) is an association working the sector
- Box Introduction to SOPHEN Society of Public Health Engineers Nepal (SOPHEN) was

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- At present it has members

- SOPHEN is governed by an executive committee of eleven members elected by the general members of the society

- Some of the major responsibilities of SOPHEN include the enhancement of technical and professional competencies of its members work for the protection of the basic professional rights and support the government and other agencies in the formulation of policies and strategies in related fields

- SOPHEN is committed to carry out various professional activities that are intended to bring qualitative results to improve the sanitary and environmental conditions of the country

- It aims to work in association with other professional bodies in Nepal and abroad

- SOPHEN has been recognized by all the sectors of the society as a leading professional body of Nepal

- Objectives Dissemination of stateofart technologies to practitioners policy makers and beneficiaries

- Establish professional relationship with similar institutions to national and international level sharing ideas and technologies for mutual benefits and interests

- Coordinate with other national and international professional bodies enhancing professional competencies to the implementation of emerging technologies

- Building capacities of its members through various research training and workshop in national and international level

merged_topic_9: assessment, environmental, impacts, products, cycle / perfect, new, design, introduction, environmental

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- Just as we recognize there is no single perfect work of art such as painting or a fashion design there is no perfect road or a water treatment plant
- If there were a perfect plant painting or a road all future water treatment plants or roads (not the alignment but the structure)
- Similarly a sewer can be constructed with a concrete cast iron steel aluminum plastic or clay materials
- With correct engineering design procedures such a sewer would carry the design flow and thus would be technically correct (Vesilind and Morgan)
- Based on the these values calculation of acceptable levels of pollution is also possible
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file1_topic_10: act, management, waste, resources, guidelines

- Similarly Solid Waste Management Act This act addresses the management disposal and treatment of solid waste to reduce environmental pollution and promote better waste management practices
- Water Resources Act is an act made to provide for the management of water resources
- Also different policies standards guidelines like guidelines and standards for air pollutants vehicular emissions water and wastewater quality climate change policy are also formulated
- The act was amended twice in and BS

file1_topic_11: professional, members, seen

- Produce and monitor the professional code of conduct
- To continuously enhance the highest professional ideals among the members and widen it

- SEEN is governed by an executive committee of seven () members elected by the general members of the society
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file1_topic_12: units, quantity, dimensions, values, simply

- Values Units and Dimensions A quantity is described by values and units
- Units simply describe what the quantity is about
- While measuring and reporting an environmental quantity both of these items need to be mentioned
- on such extreme values it is useful to have a system of prefixes that accompany the units
- Specific symbols are also used to describe these quantities
- Dimension is a unique quantity that describes a basic characteristic of the measurement
- Mass (M) length (L) and time (T) are three fundamental dimensions
- Dimensions are descriptive but not numerical
- They cannot describe how much they simply describe what
- For example the length (L) dimension may be described in units as meters inches or Angstrom

file1_topic_13: density, concentration, mass, solution, unit

- For example a river discharge of ms a sand particle of mm snow mass of km in the Himalayas
 - In the study of environmental engineering it is quite common to encounter both extremely large quantities and extremely small ones
 - The concentration of some toxic substance may be measured in parts per billion while the discharge of a large river may be measured with a larger unit
 - Quantity Prefix Symbol pico p nano n micro μ milli m centi c deci d deca da hecto h kilo k mega M giga G
- Size and scale of measurement Substances Size μm mm cm m Bacteria Sand Gravel TV Note meter (m) centimeter (cm) millimeter (mm) micrometer (μm) Concentration and density The mass density or density of a material or a solution is defined as its mass per

- unit volume or Where density M mass V volume In SI system the base unit for density is kgm^{-3}
- Water in the SI system has a density of kgm^{-3} which is equal to gcm^{-3}
 - Whereas the concentration of a substance in a solution is defined as mass of solute per unit volume of the solution (including solute and liquid)
 - Where C concentration of A M Mass of material A V Volume of material A In SI system the basic unit for concentration is kgm^{-3}
 - A typical example of the concentration of total dissolved solid in a polluted river like at Bagmati at Teku is mgL or kgm^{-3}
 - Since solutes in solution are often analyzed by weight the terms milligram per liter or microgram per liter is used
 - It is often assumed that the substance does not change the density of water
 - If such assumption is made and we recall that mL water weighs g then The use of mgL is most common in water applications as the volume of the solution is usually determined as well as the mass of the solute
 - The unit ppm is typically used in sludges or sediments
 - TCE concentration in mgkg ppm and ppb
 - For example the BOD or nutrient loads of a wastewater discharged from a community

file1_topic_14: flow, rate, volume, volumetric, mass

- Flow (discharge) rate The flow rate can be expressed as volume of the liquid per unit time
- $Q = \frac{V}{T}$ Where Q Volumetric flow rate V Volume of the liquid T Time period In SI system the basic unit of volumetric flow rate is m^3/s
- The flow of water is measured in units of volume per unit time
- Commonly used units for flow measurement are liter per second (lps) liter per day (LD) millions liter per day (MLD) cubic meter per second (m^3/s)
- m^3/s MLD Liters per day In engineering processes the flow rate can be either volume flow rate or mass flow rate
- Mass and volumetric flow rates are not independent quantities because the mass (M) of material passing a point in a flow line during unit time is related to the volume (V) of that material
- $M = C \times V$ (Concentration \times Volume) T Concentration \times Volumetric flow rate $Q = C \times Q = \frac{M}{T}$ Mass flow rate of waste materials is also called as waste load which is often measured in kgday^{-1}
- Biological Oxygen demand (BOD) is measured in mgL therefore this concentration should be multiplied by the wastewater flow rate to get the BOD load

- Mathematically Let us assume a tank of volume V with Length L Width W and Height H and Q is the volumetric flow rate
- Let us assume v is the velocity of water flowing through tank
- The tapped flow is lps (liters per second)
- Find the mass flow rate of the sediment in the influent pipe

file1_topic_15: time, retention, container, average, hrt

- Hydraulic Retention Time One of the most important concepts in treatment processes is retention time also called detention time or even residence time
- It is the time an average particle of the fluid spends in a container through which the fluid flows (which is the time it is exposed to treatment or a reaction)
- An alternate definition is the time it takes to fill the container
- We know Velocity (v) Distance (L) Time (HRT) Multiplying both side by Cross sectional Area (A) $HRT = \frac{V}{Q}$ (Since $V = AL$ and $Q = Av$) The average retention time can be increased by reducing the flow rate Q or increasing the volume V and decreased by doing the opposite
- In SI system the basic unit of retention time is sec

file1_topic_16: costs, mayor, billion, ask, highly

- She would recognize the highly variable nature of land costs construction costs coverage of the municipality as it extends to rural areas as well required treatment efficiency etc
- Yet the mayor wants a preliminary estimate a number and quickly
- For example she might know that the population of the community to be served is approximately
- This is exactly the type of information the mayor seeks
- She has no use for anything more accurate because she might be trying to decide whether to ask for a budget of billion or billion

file2_topic_17: professional, professionals, clients, expert, independent

- INTRODUCTION Profession Profession is an occupation that requires advanced training in the liberal arts or sciences and mental rather than manual work(Davis and Cornwell)
- The professionalism is defined by following seven characteristics Professional decisions are made by means of general principles theories or propositions that are independent of the particular case under consideration
- Professional decisions imply knowledge in a specific area in which the person is expert

- The professional is an expert only in his or her profession and not as expert at everything
- The professionals relations with his or her clients are objective and independent of particular sentiments about them
- A professional achieves status and financial reward by accomplishment not by inherent qualities such as birth order race religion sex or age or by membership in a union
- A professionals decisions are assumed to be on behalf of the client and to be independent of selfinterest
- The professional relates to a voluntary association of professionals
- A professional is someone who knows better what is good for clients than do the clients
- The professionals expertise puts the client into a very vulnerable position
- This vulnerability has necessitated the development of strong professional codes and ethics which serve to protect the client
- Such codes are enforced through colleague peer group

file2_topic_18: risk, resources, analysis, health, potential

- When life and health enter benefitcost calculations the analyses are generally referred as riskbenefitcost analysis to indicate that people or resources are at risk
- They have in the past few years become more widely known as simply risk analyses
- Risk analysis is comprise do risk assessment and risk management
- The former involves a study and analysis of the potential effect of certain hazards on human health
- Using statistical information risk assessment is intended to be a tool for making informed decisions
- For example it has been shown that the life expectancy of people living in a dirty urban atmosphere is considerably shorter than that of people living identical lives but breathing clean air
- In addition to the potential effect to human health and well being environmental impacts also include effects on the natural resources or infrastructures providing socioeconomic services
- Risk analysis calculates the potential damage to the health and environmental impact analysis provides a means for decision making based on longterm effects on resources

file2_topic_19: risk, risks, people, smoking, imposed

- Risk management on the other hand is the process of reducing risks that are deemed

unacceptable

- In our private lives we are continually doing both
- Smoking cigarettes is a risk to our health and it is possible to calculate the potential effect of smoking
- Quitting smoking is a method of risk management because the effect is to reduce the risk of dying of certain diseases
- Some risks we choose to accept while other risks are imposed upon us from outside
- We choose for example to drink alcohol drive cars or fly in airplanes
- Each of these activities has a calculated risk because people die every year as a result of alcohol abuse traffic accidents and airplane crashes
- Some risks are imposed from outside and we can do little about them
- We can do little about this risk and it is this type of risk that people resent the most
- In fact studies have shown that the acceptability of an involuntary risk is on the order of times less than our acceptability of a voluntary risk
- Such human behavior can explain why people who smoke cigarettes still get upset about air quality or why people driving recklessly complain about the bad road conditions
- Thus for externally imposed risks it is essential to decide what levels of risks are acceptable

file2_topic_20: ethical, theories, values, conflict, attitude

- Ethics provide a systematized framework for making decisions where values conflict
- Ethical analysis involves values rather than cost or environmental data
- There are two theories leading to the ethical analysis utilitarianism and deontological
- A detail on these two theories can be found elsewhere
- An ethical perspective focuses on the attitude of people towards other living things and towards the natural environment

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- Support the government to develop adopt and implement policies and strategies for overall development of sanitary and environmental conditions of the country
- To build and operate water treatment plants
- To build and operate solid waste collection transportation and disposal systems To plan design construct and operate air pollution control equipment
- To design reservoirs and to control groundwater contamination