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# Chapter 1

## Introduction to Solar Energy Conversion

### 1.1

The yearly capacity and fractions are tabulated below.

Year	Renewable (total)	Solar	Biomass	Wind	Hydroelectric	Total capacity	Non-renewable
2011	20.1	0.2814	1.809	2.01	15.9996	100	79.9
2012	21.2803	0.4221	2.02608	2.5125	16.3196	102.4	81.1197
2013	22.689	0.63315	2.26921	3.14063	16.646	104.858	82.1686
2014	24.3959	0.94973	2.54151	3.92578	16.9789	107.374	82.9783
2015	26.4968	1.42459	2.8465	4.90723	17.3185	109.951	83.4544
2016	29.1238	2.13688	3.18808	6.13403	17.6649	112.59	83.4661
2017	32.4617	3.20532	3.57065	7.66754	18.0181	115.292	82.8305
2018	36.77	4.80798	3.99912	9.58443	18.3785	118.059	81.2891
2019	42.4176	7.21197	4.47902	11.9805	18.7461	120.893	78.475
2020	49.9311	10.818	5.0165	14.9757	19.121	123.794	73.8629
2021	60.0684	16.2269	5.61848	18.7196	19.5034	126.765	66.6966
2022	73.9261	24.3404	6.2927	23.3995	19.8935	129.807	55.8813
2023	93.0992	36.5106	7.04782	29.2493	20.2914	132.923	39.8236
2024	119.918	54.7659	7.89356	36.5617	20.6972	136.113	16.1946
2025	157.803	82.1489	8.84079	45.7021	21.1111	139.38	-18.423

It can be seen that renewables account for the entire electrical power capacity as of YR2025. The relative fractions of each renewable technology are as follows.

Solar	0.59
Biomass	0.06
Wind	0.33
Hydroelectric	0.15

### 1.2

Performing an analysis similar to that of Problem 1.1, we arrive at the following values:

- a. Renewables 1.00
- b. Solar 0.54

### 1.3

For example, the fractions for YR2015 are given below.

Solar	0.01296
Wind	0.04463
Biomass	0.02311
Hydroelectric	0.15751

Actual data for the year in question can be obtained from a variety of sources (e.g., eia.gov). Reasons for deviations may include the assumption of constant escalation rates in both renewable capacity and total

capacity. The escalation rate for solar in particular (50%) is likely too high in the long-term. Rapid growth may occur early on, but it should taper off at some point.

### 1.4

Assume the system is purchased in YR0, tax credit received in YR1. The cash flows and cumulative present value are tabulated below.

Year	Principal	Tax credit	Savings	CF	CF(present value)	Cumulative PV
0	4000			-4000	-4000	-4000
1		1200	450	1650	1571.43	-2428.6
2			450	450	408.163	-2020.4
3			450	450	388.727	-1631.7
4			450	450	370.216	-1261.5
5			450	450	352.587	-908.88
6			450	450	335.797	-573.08
7			450	450	319.807	-253.27
8			450	450	304.578	51.3029

Therefore, the payback period is approximately 8 years.

### 1.5

Assume a discount rate of 5% for present worth calculations. The yearly cash flows for this system are tabulated below.

1.6

New plant life is 20 years; assume a discount rate of 5% for PW calculations.

Year	Capital cost	O&M	Total costs (present value)	Electrical output (MWhe)	Output (MWhe, discounted)	Revenue	CF (present value)
0	37.5		37.5				-37.5
1	6.20834	0.15	6.05556	106575	101500	15.9863	9.1694381
2	6.20834	0.15	5.7672	106575	96666.7	16.7856	9.4577982
3	6.20834	0.15	5.49257	106575	92063.5	17.6248	9.7324268
4	6.20834	0.15	5.23102	106575	87679.5	18.5061	9.9939779
5	6.20834	0.15	4.98193	106575	83504.3	19.4314	10.243074
6	6.20834	0.15	4.74469	106575	79527.9	20.403	10.480309
7	6.20834	0.15	4.51875	106575	75740.9	21.4231	10.706246
8	6.20834	0.15	4.30357	106575	72134.2	22.4943	10.921425
9	6.20834	0.15	4.09864	106575	68699.2	23.619	11.126357
10	6.20834	0.15	3.90347	106575	65427.8	24.7999	11.321531
11	6.20834	0.15	3.71759	106575	62312.2	26.0399	11.50741
12	6.20834	0.15	3.54056	106575	59344.9	27.3419	11.684438
13	6.20834	0.15	3.37196	106575	56519	28.709	11.853037
14	6.20834	0.15	3.21139	106575	53827.6	30.1445	12.013606
15	6.20834	0.15	3.05847	106575	51264.4	31.6517	12.16653
16	6.20834	0.15	2.91283	106575	48823.2	33.2343	12.312171
17	6.20834	0.15	2.77412	106575	46498.3	34.896	12.450877
18	6.20834	0.15	2.64202	106575	44284.1	36.6408	12.582978
19	6.20834	0.15	2.51621	106575	42175.3	38.4728	12.708789
20	6.20834	0.15	2.39639	106575	40167	40.3965	12.828609
21	6.20834	0.15	2.28228	106575	38254.3	42.4163	12.942722
22	6.20834	0.15	2.1736	106575	36432.7	44.5371	13.051402
23	6.20834	0.15	2.07009	106575	34697.8	46.7639	13.154907
24	6.20834	0.15	1.97152	106575	33045.5	49.1021	13.253483
25	6.20834	0.15	1.87764	106575	31471.9	51.5573	13.347365

**IRR 27%**  
**LCOE, \$/kWh 0.085**

Year	Capital cost	O&M	Salvage	Total costs (present)	Electrical output (MWhe)	Output (MWhe, disc)	Revenue	CF (present value)
0	37.5			37.5				-37.5
1	7.02123	0.15		6.82974	106575	101500	26.6438	18.545261
2	7.02123	0.15		6.50451	106575	96666.7	26.6438	17.662153
3	7.02123	0.15		6.19477	106575	92063.5	26.6438	16.821098
4	7.02123	0.15		5.89979	106575	87679.5	26.6438	16.020093
5	7.02123	0.15		5.61884	106575	83504.3	26.6438	15.257232
6	7.02123	0.15		5.35128	106575	79527.9	26.6438	14.530697
7	7.02123	0.15		5.09646	106575	75740.9	26.6438	13.838759
8	7.02123	0.15		4.85377	106575	72134.2	26.6438	13.17977
9	7.02123	0.15		4.62264	106575	68699.2	26.6438	12.552162
10	7.02123	0.15		4.40251	106575	65427.8	26.6438	11.95444
11	7.02123	0.15		4.19287	106575	62312.2	26.6438	11.385181
12	7.02123	0.15		3.99321	106575	59344.9	26.6438	10.84303
13	7.02123	0.15		3.80305	106575	56519	26.6438	10.326695
14	7.02123	0.15		3.62196	106575	53827.6	26.6438	9.8349476
15	7.02123	0.15		3.44948	106575	51264.4	26.6438	9.3666168
16	7.02123	0.15		3.28522	106575	48823.2	26.6438	8.9205874
17	7.02123	0.15		3.12878	106575	46498.3	26.6438	8.4957976
18	7.02123	0.15		2.97979	106575	44284.1	26.6438	8.0912358
19	7.02123	0.15		2.8379	106575	42175.3	26.6438	7.7059388
20	7.02123	0.15	50	-16.142	106575	40167	26.6438	26.183464

For \$50M salvage:

**IRR 45%**  
**LCOE, \$/kWh 0.081**

## Chapter 2 Fundamentals of Solar Radiation

### 2.1

**a.** Begin with Equation (2.3), neglecting refractive effects.

$$E_{b\lambda} = \frac{C_1}{\left(e^{\frac{C_2}{\lambda T}} - 1\right)\lambda^5}$$

Take  $E_{b\lambda}d\lambda$  (with  $\tilde{\nu} = 1/\lambda$ ). Hence:

$$E_{b\lambda}d\lambda = \frac{C_1\tilde{\nu}^5d\lambda}{\left(e^{\frac{C_2}{T}} - 1\right)} = -\frac{C_1\tilde{\nu}^3d\tilde{\nu}}{\left(e^{\frac{C_2}{T}} - 1\right)} = -E_{b\tilde{\nu}}d\tilde{\nu}$$

$$\therefore E_{b\tilde{\nu}} = \frac{C_1\tilde{\nu}^3}{\left(e^{\frac{C_2}{T}} - 1\right)}$$

**b.** Differentiate the expression from part (a) with respect to wave number. Then, set the expression equal to zero. The resulting equation is:

$$3\left(e^{\frac{C_2}{T}} - 1\right) = \frac{C_2e^{\frac{C_2}{T}}\tilde{\nu}}{T}$$

This equation is transcendental in  $\tilde{\nu}/T$ . Solving numerically, we have:

$$\frac{\tilde{\nu}}{T} = 1.96 \text{ cm}^{-1}/\text{K}$$

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### 2.2

From the problem statement,  $L = 40.77^\circ$ , solar time is 2:00PM, on October 1<sup>st</sup> ( $n = 274$ ). The declination angle,  $\delta_s$ , is obtained from Equation (2.23).

$$\delta_s = 23.45^\circ \sin\left[\frac{360(284 + n)^\circ}{365}\right]$$

$$= -4.22^\circ (-0.0736 \text{ rad})$$

To calculate the altitude angle, we need the hour angle, obtained from Equation (2.25).

$$h_s = \frac{15^\circ}{\text{hr}} (\text{hours from solar noon}) = 30^\circ$$

The altitude angle is obtained from Equation (2.28).

$$\sin \alpha = \sin L \sin \delta_s + \cos L \cos \delta_s \cos h_s$$

$$\alpha = 37.3^\circ (0.651 \text{ rad})$$

And the zenith angle immediately follows, according to Equation (2.24).

$$z = 90^\circ - \alpha = 52.7^\circ (0.920 \text{ rad})$$

For this time / location, the sun will be south of the east-west line, so  $|a_s| \leq 90^\circ$ . Hence, the azimuth angle follows directly from Equation (2.29).

$$\sin a_s = \frac{\cos \delta_s \sin h_s}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$a_s = 38.8^\circ (0.678 \text{ rad})$$

### 2.3

(1) First, find the minimum normalized distance,  $d$ , for placement of the second collector. At solar noon, the profile angle is equal to the solar altitude angle,  $\alpha_1$ . From the geometry, we have the following relationships.

$$\tan \alpha_1 = \frac{h}{d}$$

$$\sin \beta = \frac{h}{w}$$

Here,  $h$  is the vertical height of the collector, and  $w$  is the arbitrary width. The normalized distance,  $d/w$ , is desired.

$$\frac{d}{w} = \frac{\sin \beta}{\tan \alpha_1}$$

The collector tilt angle,  $\beta$ , is known. The altitude angle follows from Equation (2.28). For Tampa, Florida, we have  $L = 27.96^\circ\text{N}$  (Tampa International Airport); for December 21<sup>st</sup>,  $\delta_s = -23.45^\circ$ .

$$\sin \alpha_1 = \sin L \sin \delta_s + \cos L \cos \delta_s \cos h_s$$

$$\alpha_1 = 38.6^\circ (0.673 \text{ rad})$$

Normalized distance:

$$\frac{d}{w} = \frac{\sin \beta}{\tan \alpha_1}$$

$$= 0.627 \text{ (meter separation per meter width)}$$

(2) Second, the percent shading at 9:00AM solar time is desired; this quantity would be the width shaded divided by the total collector width.

$$\% \text{ shading} = \frac{w_s}{w}$$

In this case, the sun is not due south, so the profile angle,  $\gamma_2$ , is needed, and it can be obtained from Equation 2.31. First, we need the new altitude angle ( $h_s = -45^\circ$ ).

$$\sin \alpha_2 = \sin L \sin \delta_s + \cos L \cos \delta_s \cos h_s$$

$$\alpha_2 = 22.7^\circ (0.397 \text{ rad})$$

Next, the solar azimuth angle:

$$\sin a_s = \frac{\cos \delta_s \sin h_s}{\cos \alpha_2}$$

$$a_s = -44.7^\circ (-0.780 \text{ rad})$$

Finally, the profile angle is obtained.

$$\tan \gamma_2 = \sec a_s \tan \alpha$$

$$\gamma_2 = 30.5^\circ (0.532 \text{ rad})$$

From the geometry and the law of sines, we arrive at the following relation.

$$\frac{\sin(\beta + \gamma_2)}{h/\sin \alpha_1} = \frac{\sin(\alpha_1 - \gamma_2)}{w_s}$$

Simplifying:

$$\frac{w_s}{w} = \frac{\sin(\alpha_1 - \gamma_2) \sin \beta}{\sin(\beta + \gamma_2) \sin \alpha_1}$$

$$= 0.129; \text{ i. e., } 12.9\% \text{ of the collector is shaded.}$$

## 2.4

The location is not specified; the date (September 1<sup>st</sup>) gives  $n = 244$ . The declination angle is obtained from Equation (2.23).

$$\delta_s = 7.72^\circ (0.135 \text{ rad})$$

The sunrise / sunset times are obtained from Equation (2.30).

$$h_{ss}, h_{sr} = \pm \cos^{-1}(-\tan L \tan \delta_s)$$

Solar sunrise and sunset times are found as follows [see Equation (2.25)].

$$\text{Solar sunrise time} = 12:00\text{PM} + h_{sr} \left( \frac{4 \text{ min}}{\circ} \right)$$

$$\text{Solar sunset time} = 12:00\text{PM} + h_{ss} \left( \frac{4 \text{ min}}{\circ} \right)$$

To convert to local time, Equation (2.26) is needed.

$$LST = \text{Solar time} - ET - (l_{st} - l_{local}) \left( \frac{4 \text{ min}}{\circ} \right)$$

Here, the equation of time,  $ET$ , is computed with Equation (2.27):

$ET$  (in minutes)

$$= 9.87 \sin 2B - 7.53 \cos B - 1.5 \sin B$$

$$B = \frac{360(n - 81)^\circ}{364}$$

For this date, September 1<sup>st</sup>,  $ET$  is determined as follows.

$$B = 161.2^\circ$$

$$ET = 0.626 \text{ min}$$

Given the above information and the latitude of the specific location, sunrise / sunset times can be determined with Equations (2.30), (2.25), and (2.26).

## 2.5

The day numbers are set by the month (e.g., for January 15<sup>th</sup>,  $n = 15$ ); from the characteristic  $n$  for each month, a declination angle is obtained from Equation (2.23).

The sunrise and sunset times are computed as in Problem 2.4. Given  $h_{ss}$  and  $h_{sr}$ , the bounds of the day in solar time are known. Data for hours in between these bounds are computed by first determining the hour angle [Equation (2.25)], then the altitude angle [Equation (2.28), with latitude angle,  $L$ , set by the location], and finally the zenith and azimuth angles [Equations (2.24) and (2.29), respectively]. If desired, the solar time for sunrise / sunset can be converted to local time using the procedure outlined in Problem 2.4.

## 2.6

The unit directional for the sun can be written in terms of an East-North-Vertical coordinate system.

$$\hat{s} = \cos \alpha \sin a_s \hat{E} + \cos \alpha \cos a_s \hat{N} - \sin \alpha \hat{V}$$

Similarly for the panel normal,

$$\hat{p} = \cos(90 - \beta) \sin(-a_w) \hat{E} - \cos(90 - \beta) \cos(-a_w) \hat{N} + \sin(90 - \beta) \hat{V}$$

The scalar product of the two is

$$\cos i = -\hat{s} \cdot \hat{p} = \cos \alpha \sin a_s \sin \beta \sin a_w + \cos \alpha \cos a_s \sin \beta \cos a_w + \sin \alpha \cos \beta$$

Combining terms and using a trigonometric identity:

$$\cos i = \cos \alpha \sin \beta \cos(a_s - a_w) + \sin \alpha \cos \beta$$

## 2.7

In the case of the tubular surface, the incidence angle is found as the angle between the sun's rays and a plane perpendicular to the cylinder's long axis. This is equivalent to modeling the incidence angle on a flat plate collector rotating about a titled axis. Using a procedure similar to that used in Problem 2.6:

$\cos i$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \{\cos(\alpha + \beta) - \cos \alpha \cos \beta [1 - \cos(a_s - a_w)]\}^2}$$

In the case of a titled axis in the north-south plane,

$$\cos i = \sqrt{1 - [\cos(\alpha + \beta) - \cos \alpha \cos \beta (1 - \cos a_s)]^2}$$

Applying a trigonometric identity, we arrive at the following equation.

$$\cos i = (1 - [\cos \alpha \sin \beta - \sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \cos \beta (1 - \cos a_s)]^2)^{0.5}$$

From Figures 2.8 and 2.9:

$$\cos \alpha \cos a_s = \cos \delta_s \sin L \cos h_s - \sin \delta_s \cos L$$

Using this expression in conjunction with Equation (2.28), and further applying a trigonometric identity, we arrive at the desired equation.

$\cos i$

$$= \sqrt{1 - [\sin(\beta - L) \cos \delta_s \cos h_s + \cos(\beta - L) \sin \delta_s]^2}$$

## 2.8

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, the declination angle,  $\delta_s$ , is zero (autumnal equinox). For solar noon, both the hour angle,  $h_s$ , and the solar azimuth angle,  $a_s$ , are zero. From Equation (2.28):

$$\alpha = 90 - L$$

For Tampa, Florida,  $L = 27.96^\circ\text{N}$ ; hence,  $\alpha = 62.0^\circ (1.08 \text{ rad})$ .

The zenith angle follows immediately [Equation (2.24)].

$$z = 90 - \alpha = 28.0^\circ (0.488 \text{ rad})$$

From Equation (2.48), the incidence angle is calculated ( $\beta = 30^\circ$ ).

$$\cos i = \cos \alpha \sin \beta + \sin \alpha \cos \beta$$

$$i = 2.04^\circ (0.0356 \text{ rad})$$

From the 2009 ASHRAE Handbook for Tampa International Airport [either taken directly or calculated according to Equations (2.43) and (2.44)]:

$$I_{b,N} = 836 \frac{W}{m^2}$$

$$I_{d,h} = 143 \frac{W}{m^2}$$

The beam radiation on the tilted surface is found as follows.

$$I_{b,c} = I_{b,N} \cos i = 835 \frac{W}{m^2}$$

The diffuse radiation on the tilted surface is then calculated.

$$I_{d,c} = I_{d,h} \cos^2 \frac{\beta}{2} = 133 \frac{W}{m^2}$$

Finally, the reflected radiation incident on the surface is calculated, using Equation (2.51) (assume a ground reflectance,  $\rho$ , of 0.2).

$$I_{r,c} = \rho(I_{b,N} \sin \alpha + I_{d,h}) \sin^2 \frac{\beta}{2} = 11.8 \frac{W}{m^2}$$

Summing:

$$I_c = 981 \frac{W}{m^2}$$

From Equation (2.27):

$$ET = 7.90 \text{ min}$$

The local standard time would therefore be  $LST = 12:21\text{PM}$  [Equation (2.26)]. Accounting for daylight savings (in effect in Tampa on this date), local daylight time would be  $LDT = 1:21\text{PM}$ .

## 2.9

Horizontal extraterrestrial radiation is given as

$$I_h = I \sin \alpha$$

The average value of this over one hour is

$$I_{o,h} = \frac{\int_{t-0.5\text{hr}}^{t+0.5\text{hr}} I \sin \alpha dt}{(t + 0.5\text{hr}) - (t - 0.5\text{hr})}$$

or in terms of hour angles (rad),

$$I_{o,h} = \frac{12}{\pi} \int_{h_s - \pi/24}^{h_s + \pi/24} I \sin \alpha dh_s$$

$I$  is approximated as constant for the day number according to Eq. (2.35), and so can be taken out of the integral. From Eq. (2.28) for the solar altitude,

$$\sin \alpha = \sin L \sin \delta_s + \cos L \cos \delta_s \cos h_s$$

where the latitude is constant for the location and the solar declination is approximated as constant for the day number. Therefore the integral becomes

$$I_{o,h} = \frac{12}{\pi} I \left( \sin L \sin \delta_s \int_{h_s - \pi/24}^{h_s + \pi/24} dh_s + \cos L \cos \delta_s \int_{h_s - \pi/24}^{h_s + \pi/24} \cos h_s dh_s \right)$$

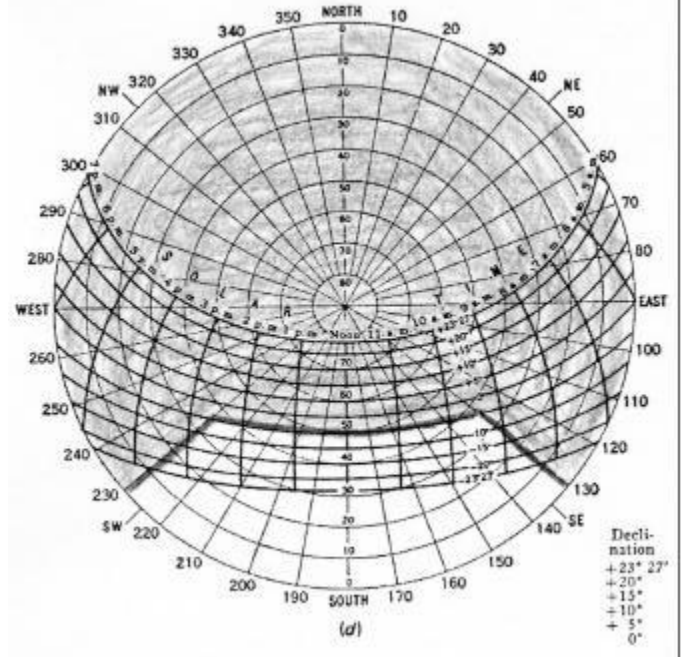
Solving the integral,

$$I_{o,h} = I(\sin L \sin \delta_s + 0.9971 \cos L \cos \delta_s \cos h_s) \approx I \sin \alpha$$

The last equality holds to within less than one percent, depending on the magnitude of  $\sin L \sin \delta_s$ .

## 2.10

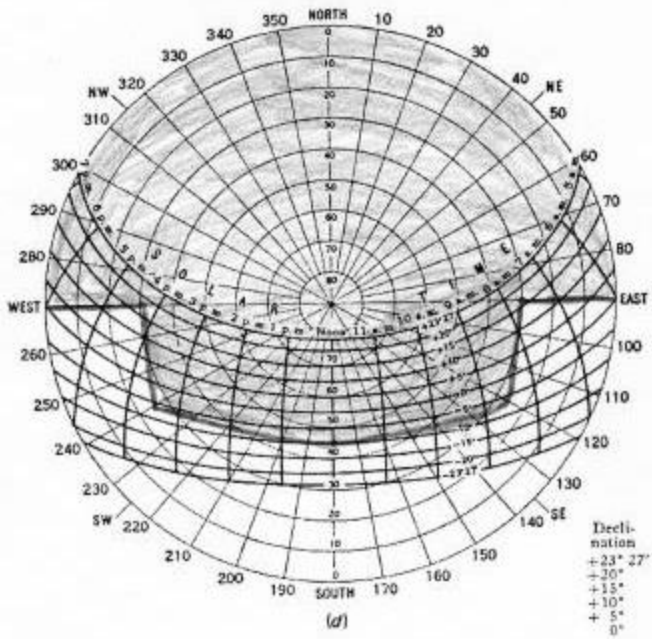
Sun-path diagrams for the two latitudes are found in Appendix 2. For geometry (a), point C will be shaded when the altitude is given according to Eq. (2.31) as  $\tan 50^\circ = \sec a_s \tan \alpha$ . For the limiting case of the sun at  $40^\circ$  east or west of south, the altitude angle is then  $37.45^\circ$ . For a noon sun, the altitude angle is  $50^\circ$ . The shadow map is plotted on the sun-path diagram for the  $35^\circ$  location. As shown, point C is shaded when the solar declination is greater than  $-5^\circ$ , which occurs between early March and early October. For other times of the year, the map shows, for example, shading on winter solstice before 8:15 AM and after 3:45 PM solar time.



Shadow map for geometry (a),  $35^\circ\text{N}$  latitude.

For geometry (b), point C will be shaded at noon with the altitude angle greater than  $45^\circ$ . With the solar azimuth  $\pm 60^\circ$  of south, the corner of the overhang is in line with the sun and point C. The altitude angle of interest here is  $26.57^\circ$ , from looking at the geometry. Finally at  $\pm 90^\circ$  of south, the critical altitude angle is  $30^\circ$ .

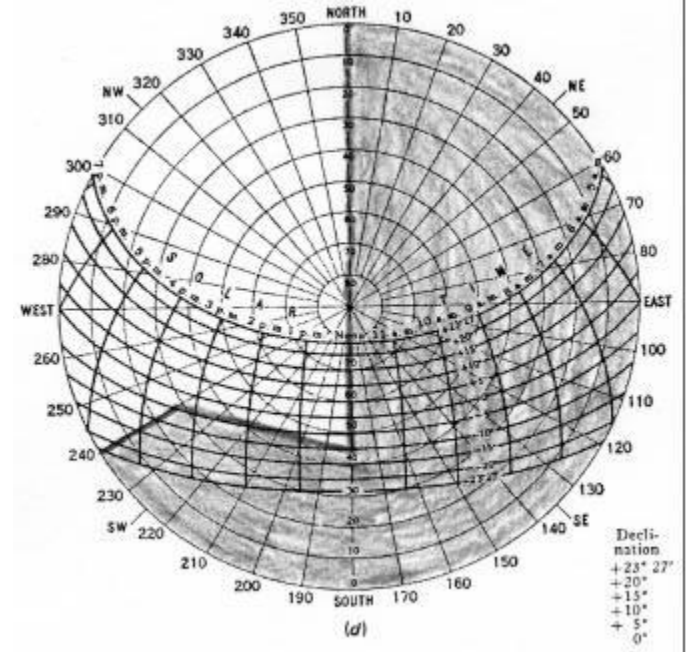




Shadow maps for the 40° latitude are similar and are not shown.

### 2.11

There will be no sunlight on point P until the solar noon. Then the altitude angle must be above 45°. At 60° west of south, the altitude angle of interest is 26.57°. Moving further west, the sun will shine on P provided it does not yet set. From the geometry, it will shine on P until it reaches due north. Note that the shadow map shown below is simply a rotation of the shadow map for Problem 2.10 (c), with point P in shadow in the morning.

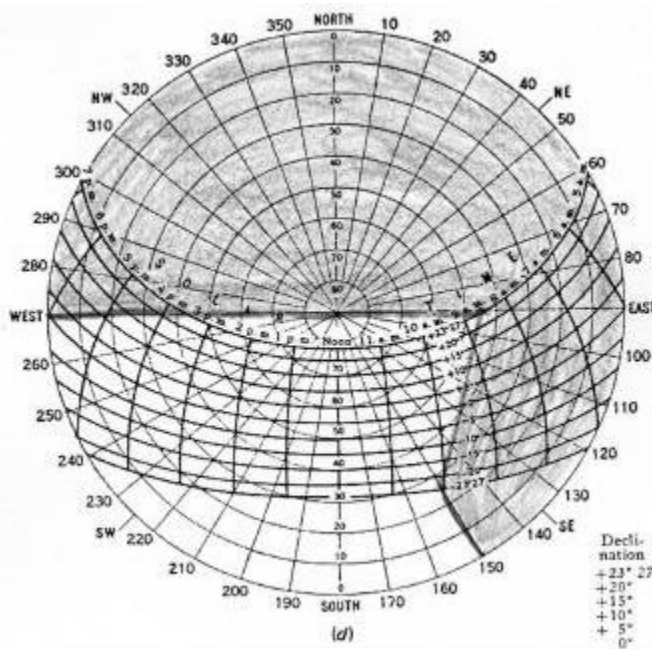


### 2.12

The solar declinations are found with  $n = 172$  and  $n = 355$ , respectively. Assuming solar time, the hour angles are found from Eq. (2.25). The solar altitude angles are found from Eq. (2.28). The solar azimuth angles are found from Eq. (2.29). For the south-facing collector,  $a_w = 0$ . Plug all the above angles into Eq. (2.48).

	Jun 21 9 AM	Jun 21 noon	Dec 21 9 AM	Dec 21 noon
Declination	23.45°	23.45°	-23.45°	-23.45°
Hour angle	-45°	0°	-45°	0°
Solar altitude	48.8°	73.4°	14.0°	26.6°
Solar azimuth	-80.2°	0°	-41.9°	0°
Panel azimuth	0°	0°	0°	0°
Solar incidence	68.7°	53.4°	40.5°	6.6°

Shadow map for geometry (b), 35°N latitude. For geometry (b), it is noted that during April, for example, point C is shaded in the morning before the sun reaches due east, then is in sunshine for about an hour until the overhang blocks the sun. The sun reappears on point C when it dips below the overhang in the afternoon, but disappears as it moves north of due west and behind the back wall. Point C is not shaded during the winter at all.



Shadow map for geometry (c), 35°N latitude. For geometry (c), point C will not be shaded after the sun rises to within 30° of south, provided it remains south of west in the late afternoon also. The critical altitude angle right before -30° azimuth is 26.57°. At due east, shading will occur below 45°.

### 2.13

a.

Determine the angles with the same procedure as in 2.12, except  $a_w = -45^\circ$ .

	Jun 21 9 AM	Jun 21 noon	Dec 21 9 AM	Dec 21 noon
Declination	23.45°	23.45°	-23.45°	-23.45°
Hour angle	-45°	0°	-45°	0°
Solar altitude	48.8°	73.4°	14.0°	26.6°
Solar azimuth	-80.2°	0°	-41.9°	0°
Panel azimuth	-45°	-45°	-45°	-45°
Solar incidence	40.3°	58.9°	6.7°	41.6°

b.

The procedure is similar to that in 2.12, but with the orientation N-S the incidence angle is determined by the equation derived in Problem 2.7.

$$\cos i = \{1 - [\sin(\beta - L) \cos \delta_s \cos h_s + \cos(\beta - L) \sin \delta_s]^2\}^{0.5}$$

	Jun 21 9 AM	Jun 21 noon	Dec 21 9 AM	Dec 21 noon
Declination	23.45°	23.45°	-23.45°	-23.45°
Hour angle	-45°	0°	-45°	0°
Solar altitude	48.8°	73.4°	14.0°	26.6°
Solar azimuth	-80.2°	0°	-41.9°	0°
Panel azimuth	0°	0°	0°	0°
Solar incidence	42.0°	53.4°	1.2°	6.6°

### 2.14

For a one term Fourier cosine series, we want the declination to be of the form

$$\delta(n) = a \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{L}n + \varphi\right) = a \cos\left(\frac{360}{365}n + \varphi\right)$$

where  $n$  is the day number and the period is  $2L = 365$  days. From the given data, the maximum declination occurs on June 21 as

$$\delta_{max} = \delta(172) = 23.45^\circ = a$$

This must correspond to where the cosine term is equal to 1, such that

$$\frac{360}{365}n_{max} + \varphi = 0 \rightarrow \varphi = -n_{max} \frac{360}{365}$$

Thus the declination becomes

$$\delta(n) = 23.45 \cos\left(\frac{360}{365}n - 172\right)$$

or equivalently,

$$\delta(n) = -23.45 \cos\left(\frac{360}{365}n + 10.5\right)$$

### 2.15

In order to plot lines of constant declination on a plot similar to Fig. 2.10, we must write the declination in

terms of two polar coordinates, namely the solar azimuth and altitude angles. The solar altitude angle is from Eq. (2.28), and can be written in terms of the hour angle as

$$\cos h_s = \frac{\sin \alpha - \sin L \sin \delta_s}{\cos L \cos \delta_s}$$

The solar azimuth is given by Eq. (2.29), which can be rearranged as

$$\sin h_s = \frac{\sin a_s \cos \alpha}{\cos \delta_s}$$

Using the identity,  $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ , the hour angle is removed as a variable. The answer is then written as

$$\sin a_s = \pm \sqrt{\frac{(\cos L \cos \delta_s)^2 - (\sin \alpha - \sin L \sin \delta_s)^2}{(\cos L \cos \alpha)^2}}$$

There will be a unique plot for each latitude. For each declination, two solar azimuth angles will result for each solar altitude angle—i.e., one before (-) and one after (+) solar noon.

### 2.16

Referring to Fig. 2.11a,

$$\cos a = x/r$$

$$\tan \alpha = z/r$$

$$\tan \gamma = z/x$$

Solving for  $z/x$ ,

$$\tan \gamma = \sec a \tan \alpha$$

### 2.17

Eq. (2.48), through some effort, can be written in terms of the hour angle and declination as

$$\cos i = \sin(L - \beta) \sin \delta_s + \cos(L - \beta) \cos \delta_s \cos h_s$$

To get the average value of the function  $\cos i$ , we integrate over the year (declination) and over the entire day (hour angle).

$$\cos i|_{avg} = \frac{2 \int_{\delta_{s,min}}^{\delta_{s,max}} \int_{h_{s,min}}^{h_{s,max}} \cos i \, dh_s \, d\delta_s}{2(\delta_{s,max} - \delta_{s,min})(h_{s,max} - h_{s,min})}$$

The factor of 2 is there as the declination range is seen twice in the yearly movement. Recognizing that the minimum values are simply the negative of the maximum values, integration with respect to the hour angle yields

$$\cos i|_{avg} = \frac{1}{4\delta_{s,max}h_{s,max}} \int_{\delta_{s,min}}^{\delta_{s,max}} [\sin(L - \beta) \sin \delta_s + 2\cos(L - \beta) \cos \delta_s \sin h_{s,max}] d\delta_s$$

Completing the second integration,

$$\cos i|_{avg} = \frac{\cos(L - \beta) \sin \delta_{s,max} \sin h_{s,max}}{\delta_{s,max} h_{s,max}}$$

It should be noted that the average of the cosine of  $i$  does not yield the average  $i$ , but this is acceptable as we don't need the average  $i$ . We only want to find  $\beta$  for the

minimum  $i$ , which coincides with the  $\beta$  for the maximum cosine of  $i$ . Since the maximum occurs at  $\cos(L - \beta) = 1$ ,

$$\beta_{optimum} = L$$

Notes:

1. Integration in the range where the sun is not in view of the collector, or is below the horizon, would yield a meaningless average for the angle of incidence. However, the choice of range is not significant here as it cancels in finding the optimum  $\beta$ .

## 2.18

From Eq. (2.23),

$$\text{May 1, } n = 121, \delta_s = 14.9^\circ$$

$$\text{Dec 1, } n = 335, \delta_s = -22.1^\circ$$

From Eq. (2.30),

$$h_{ss} = \cos^{-1}[-\tan L \tan \delta_s]$$

$$\text{May 1, } h_{ss} = 96.49^\circ$$

$$\text{Dec 1, } h_{ss} = 80.07^\circ$$

With  $15^\circ$  per hour, sunsets are at

May 1, Sunset time =  $6.43 \text{ hrs} = 6:26 \text{ pm}$

Dec 1, Sunset time =  $5.34 \text{ hrs} = 5:20 \text{ pm}$

## 2.19

From Eq. (2.27),

$$\text{Jun 10, } n = 161, ET = 0.76 \text{ min}$$

$$\text{Jan 10, } n = 10, ET = -7.42 \text{ min}$$

From Eq. (2.26), on Jun 10,

$$\text{Solar Time} = 9 \text{ am} + 0.76 \text{ min} + (105 - 107) \cdot 4 \text{ min}$$

$$\text{Solar Time} = 8:53 \text{ am}$$

Similarly for Jan 10,

$$\text{Solar Time} = 10 \text{ am} - 7.42 \text{ min} + (105 - 107) \cdot 4 \text{ min}$$

$$\text{Solar Time} = 9:45 \text{ am}$$

Notes:

1. Daylight savings time has the clocks ahead by an hour, such that LST is one hour behind Local Daylight Time.

## 2.20

Miami is at latitude  $25.79^\circ \text{N}$ . For each month, Table A2.1 gives the average daily extraterrestrial horizontal insolation as

$$\text{May, } \bar{H}_{o,h} = 11.04 \frac{\text{kWh}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ day}} = 39.74 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ day}}$$

$$\text{Oct, } \bar{H}_{o,h} = 8.125 \frac{\text{kWh}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ day}} = 29.25 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ day}}$$

Using the Angström-Page method, Table 2.4 gives a = 0.42 and b = 0.22 for Miami. Then from Eq. (2.52),

$$\begin{aligned} \text{May, } \bar{H}_h &= 37.51 \left( 0.22 + 0.57 \frac{60}{100} \right) \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ day}} \\ &= 21.9 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ day}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Oct, } \bar{H}_h &= 29.25 \left( 0.22 + 0.57 \frac{70}{100} \right) \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ day}} \\ &= 18.1 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ day}} \end{aligned}$$

To compare with the ASHRAE clear-sky model, we will need to calculate the radiation over the course of the day and integrate via quadrature. For May 15,  $\tau_b$  and  $\tau_d$  are 0.487 and 1.988, respectively (linear interpolation is used to find values for days other than the 21<sup>st</sup> days of each month). Instantaneous horizontal solar irradiance values are calculated from sunrise to noon, as tabulated below.

Time (hr)	$I_h$ ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )
5.37	8.4
6	80.3
7	279.9
8	500.0
9	700.3
10	858.3
11	959.0
12	993.5

(The irradiance is nonzero at sunrise due to some diffuse radiation.) We calculate the daily total irradiance as

$$\bar{H}_h = 2 \cdot (3862.3 \text{ Wh}) = 27.8 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ day}}$$

(The factor of two accounts for the afternoon irradiance.) Similarly, for October ( $\tau_b$  and  $\tau_d$  of 0.435 and 2.225, respectively):

$$\bar{H}_h = 2 \cdot (2779.3 \text{ Wh}) = 20.0 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ day}}$$

The ASHRAE values are larger because they do not take into account weather events that can interfere with the sun's rays. The values are close to those of the Angström-Page method with 100% possible sunshine.

## 2.21

Eq. (2.55) is given as

$$\frac{\bar{D}_h}{\bar{H}_h} = 1.390 - 4.027 \bar{K}_T + 5.531 \bar{K}_T^2 - 3.108 \bar{K}_T^3$$

Where from Eq. (2.50),

$$\bar{K}_T = \frac{\bar{H}_h}{1394 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2}$$

Introduce a modified monthly clearness index to be

$$\bar{K}'_T = \frac{\bar{H}_h}{1366.1 \text{ W/m}^2}$$

Thus,

$$\bar{K}_T = \bar{K}'_T \frac{1366.1}{1394} = 0.980 \bar{K}'_T$$

and with the new parameter, Eq. (2.55) becomes

$$\frac{\bar{D}_h}{\bar{H}_h} = 1.390 - 3.946 \bar{K}'_T + 5.312 \bar{K}'_T{}^2 - 2.925 \bar{K}'_T{}^3$$

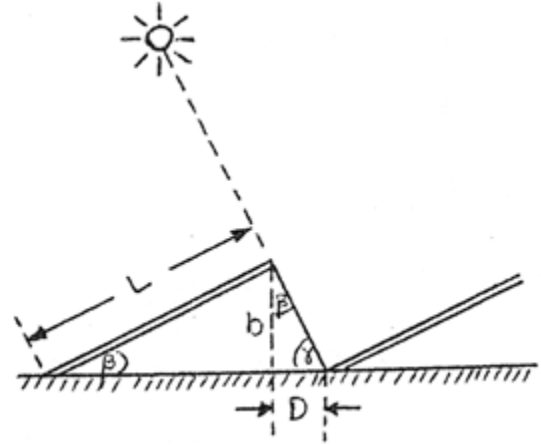
## 2.22

The Denver ASHRAE clear-sky parameters are available for the 21<sup>st</sup> day of each month; by interpolation, we have  $\tau_b$  and  $\tau_d$  of 0.363 and 2.243, respectively, for September 9. Using the ASHRAE method, the diffuse and beam radiation values are tabulated below for each hour from sunrise to noon.

Time (hr)	$I_d$ (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	$I_b$ (W/m <sup>2</sup> )
5.37	12.0	0.0
6	21.9	2.6
7	71.9	145.8
8	100.0	357.3
9	118.2	558.5
10	129.8	719.7
11	136.4	823.1
12	138.6	858.7

It can be seen that the diffuse radiation at 9:30AM is approximately 124 W/m<sup>2</sup>, while the beam radiation is approximately 639 W/m<sup>2</sup>.

## 2.23



From the law of sines,

$$\frac{D}{\sin \beta} = \frac{b}{\sin \gamma}$$

Further reduce with

$$b = L \sin \beta$$

to obtain the result:

$$D = \frac{L \sin^2 \beta}{\sin \gamma}$$