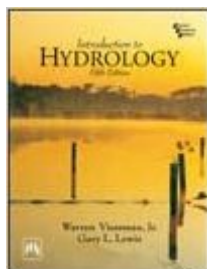


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This is possibly the worst textbook I have ever read. There are typos in nearly every chapter and not

just grammatical errors, but calculation errors, wrong answers for the homework, equations that are wrong, wrong units in homework problems. I have had to pencil in a dozen corrections, and I'm sure there are errors that I haven't found yet. And this is the Fifth Edition...

Bad Examples. Lots of typos. Hard to follow. I needed this for my engineering hydrology class.. I sold it back at the end of the semester to my book store because I would never see myself looking here for reference. If your professor is requiring this book for your class, I would recommend e-mailing him to ask if there are any other books you could use. For almost every homework, either the TA or the professor had to e-mail us corrections because of the books staggering incoherence. If you are purchasing this because you are looking for a book as a reference or introduction to hydrology, you should probably look elsewhere.

I suppose it would be nice if all engineering texts were as easy to read as the popular novel of the day. Unfortunately, assuming you are a water resource engineer like me, we wade through a topic which is not easily written. I first used this book during my Masters Degree program. The instructor was not as helpful as I would have liked, but since all of the lectures, homework and tests were pulled from the book, I decided to stop listening and start reading. With a bit of patience, trying to acclimate to the authors' presentation style, I found the book to be helpful. The description and calculation of Unit-hydrographs, hydrographs and moving between the two was very helpful. Either during, or shortly after taking this course I took the Professional Engineers licensing exam and, to my success, used this book on a couple of questions related to the unit-hydrograph method. Overall the book deserves 4 stars for being a good place to start. It lacks the final fifth star because it does get a little confusing as the authors attempt to explain many more competing approaches than they should have. There were also a couple of errors in the calculations used as examples, which had me scratching my head for a while. The good thing is that the description of the methods shown in the examples was correct, so whoever created the examples did not follow the direction properly a couple of times. I recommend this book for anyone trying to study for the P.E. exam, or as a desk reference at work when you want to know what your hydrology software is doing.

In this book, the explanations, the mathematics, and the diagrams are clear and easy to understand. It not only covers wide ranging hydrological topics, it also goes into depth. Thus, this books is much more than an introduction to hydrology.

This book is a VERY difficult read. Not only do you need to try and understand the concepts of hydrology but you must also attempt to navigate your way through a confusing maze of "wording" that could easily have been more understandable.

I did not find many diagrams or example problems to be helpful in the context of my Hydraulics and Hydrology course.

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