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TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Synthesis 424: Engineering Economic Analysis Practices for Highway Investment explores how U.S. transportation agencies have applied engineering economics--benefit--cost analyses and similar procedures--to decisions on highway investments.

Designed as a textbook for undergraduate students in various engineering disciplines—Mechanical, Civil, Industrial Engineering, Electronics Engineer-ing and Computer Science—and for postgraduate students in Industrial Engineering and Water Resource Management, this comprehensive and well-organized book, now in its Second Edition, shows how complex economic decisions can be made from a number of given alternatives. It provides the managers not only a sound basis but also a clear-cut approach to making decisions. These decisions will ultimately result in minimizing costs and/or maximizing benefits. What is more, the book adequately illustrates the concepts with numerical problems and Indian cases. While retaining all the chapters of the previous edition, the book adds a number of topics to make it more comprehensive and more student friendly. What's New to This Edition • Discusses different types of costs such as average cost, recurring cost, and life cycle cost. • Deals with different types of cost estimating models, index numbers and capital allowance. • Covers the basics of

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nondeterministic decision making. • Describes the meaning of cash flows with probability distributions and decision making, and selection of alternatives using simulation. • Discusses the basic concepts of Accounting. This book, which is profusely illustrated with worked-out examples and a number of diagrams and tables, should prove extremely useful not only as a text but also as a reference for those offering courses in such areas as Project Management, Production Management, and Financial Management.

Competence in investment analysis is now a basic requirement for most practicing managers, engineers, and financial analysts in order to avoid possible serious mistakes arising from flawed or inadequate knowledge of the discipline. Furthermore, individuals who make decisions based on technical economics stake their professional futures, in many cases, on the accuracy of such evaluations. The aim of this volume is to provide a balanced view of the essential components of economic and financial analysis including: 1. Strategic and design issues; 2. Principles of cost management systems and activity-based costing, and; 3. Tools for developing the financial measures of investment worth, with advanced topics and case studies in these three areas. This volume provides a refreshing insight into the various methods that engineers, managers, and financial analysts may need to consider to find good alternatives for the investment of scarce resources. Not only are new ventures presented, but also improvements within existing facilities that include process modification, product design, equipment replacement, and plant

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expansion/contraction.

As the first book to compile the fundamentals, applications, reference information and analytical tools on the topic, Hydrometallurgy presents a condensed collection of information that can be used to improve the efficiency and effectiveness with which metals are extracted, recovered, manufactured, and utilized in aqueous media in technically viable and reliable, environmentally responsible, and economically feasible ways. Suitable for students and researchers, this college-level overview addresses Fundamentals of Chemical Metallurgy in Aqueous Media, Speciation and Phase Diagrams, Rate Processes in Aqueous Metal Processing, Aqueous Metal Extraction and Leaching, Fundamentals of Metal Concentration Processes and more.

The Empress Zoe, ruthless and cruel, rules the eastern Mediterranean. To fight her battles, she employs an army of Vikings - the most fearsome warriors of their time. Led by the legendary Harald Hardrada, these mercenaries will do whatever it takes to win. Hiding in their ranks is Solveig - a fifteen-year-old girl. Amid the excitement and danger of combat, she must face terrible truths about the brutality of her people - and of her father. And, in the end, she will have to choose between all she holds dear, and what she believes is right. An epic adventure about Vikings and Saracens, ship battles and land-raids, loyalty and sacrifice.

Evaluating the cost of acquiring major pieces of equipment also necessitates costing their life maintenance. Providing coverage of recent

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advances in this field, this book covers such topics as reliability improvement warranty, computer hardware/software costing, and reliability engineering.

Establish your professional credentials as a registered P.E. with *Chemical Engineering A Review for the P.E. Exam* The only P.E. exam guide that conforms to the new NCEE guidelines! * Guides you step-by-step through every topic covered in the exam. * Follows NCEE question format and subject emphasis. * Practice exercises and problems, problem-solving strategies, and solutions. *

Detailed coverage of thermodynamics, process design, mass transfer, heat transfer, chemical kinetics, fluid flow, and engineering economics.

This thoroughly revised and updated, *Guide to Energy Management, Fourth Edition* is a manager's guide to the most important areas of energy cost cutting. Written by three of the most respected energy professionals in the industry, the book provides valuable insights into these areas and also builds the skills needed to succeed in the fast changing energy management field. The new edition features a new chapter on Distributed Generation, presenting the basic ideas and operational strategies, as well as covering the common technologies. This valuable reference book examines the objectives of energy management and the most effective techniques and tools for achieving

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results.

An easy-to-follow contemporary engineering economics text that helps making sound economic decisions without advanced mathematics. This one-semester introduction to the fundamentals of engineering economics provides an overview of the basic theory and mathematics underlying operational business decisions that engineering technology, engineering, and industrial technology students will face in the workplace. A basic knowledge of economics empowers a manager to balance costs with production. This new edition of *Fundamentals of Economics for Engineering Technologists and Engineers* is written in plain language. Concepts have been simplified and kept straightforward with an emphasis on "how to apply" economic principles. Practical examples as a tool for managing business data and giving detailed analysis of business operations. throughout the text make good use of Microsoft Excel templates, provided on the book's companion website, for students. Chapter-end exercises provide discussion and multiple-choice questions along with numerical problems, and a solutions manual and instructor resources is given for adopting instructors.

Purposeful *Engineering Economics* stands as a unique and highly original complement to the traditional engineering economics curriculum. This primarily narrative text conveys the essence of an

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"Austrian" economic perspective on cash flow analysis and decision making in engineering without extensive tables and graphs and requires very little mathematics. The book's objective is to add a new perspective to the usual study of cash flow analysis and solely econometric engineering decision making. The author draws on the methodology of the Austrian Economists—a school of economic thought that bases its study of economic phenomena on the interpretation and analysis of the purposeful actions of individuals. The book includes an array of illustrative case studies examined in detail by the author and emphasizes the importance of market processes and price signals to coordinate engineering plans.

Get a complete look into modern traffic engineering solutions Traffic Engineering Handbook, Seventh Edition is a newly revised text that builds upon the reputation as the go-to source of essential traffic engineering solutions that this book has maintained for the past 70 years. The updated content reflects changes in key industry standards, and shines a spotlight on the needs of all users, the design of context-sensitive roadways, and the development of more sustainable transportation solutions. Additionally, this resource features a new organizational structure that promotes a more functionally-driven, multimodal approach to planning, designing, and implementing transportation solutions. A branch of civil engineering, traffic engineering concerns the safe and efficient movement of people and goods along roadways. Traffic flow, road geometry, sidewalks, crosswalks, cycle facilities, shared lane markings, traffic signs, traffic

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lights, and more—all of these elements must be considered when designing public and private sector transportation solutions. Explore the fundamental concepts of traffic engineering as they relate to operation, design, and management Access updated content that reflects changes in key industry-leading resources, such as the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM), Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), AASHTO Policy on Geometric Design, Highway Safety Manual (HSM), and Americans with Disabilities Act Understand the current state of the traffic engineering field Leverage revised information that homes in on the key topics most relevant to traffic engineering in today's world, such as context-sensitive roadways and sustainable transportation solutions Traffic Engineering Handbook, Seventh Edition is an essential text for public and private sector transportation practitioners, transportation decision makers, public officials, and even upper-level undergraduate and graduate students who are studying transportation engineering.

The eighth edition updated with new problems and new chapter summaries. The software available in the solution manual contains 12 modules: interest formula calculations, cash flow analysis, bases for comparison, mutually exclusive alternatives, replacement analysis, optimization analysis, benefit-cost analysis, sensitivity analysis and after-tax analysis.

First published in 1995, The Engineering Handbook quickly became the definitive engineering reference. Although it remains a bestseller, the many advances realized in traditional engineering fields along with the emergence and rapid growth of fields such as biomedical engineering, computer engineering, and nanotechnology mean that the time has come to bring this standard-setting reference up to date. New in the Second Edition 19 completely new chapters

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addressing important topics in bioinstrumentation, control systems, nanotechnology, image and signal processing, electronics, environmental systems, structural systems 131 chapters fully revised and updated Expanded lists of engineering associations and societies The Engineering Handbook, Second Edition is designed to enlighten experts in areas outside their own specialties, to refresh the knowledge of mature practitioners, and to educate engineering novices. Whether you work in industry, government, or academia, this is simply the best, most useful engineering reference you can have in your personal, office, or institutional library.

Gets professionals quickly on-line with all the crucial design concepts and skills they need to dramatically improve the maintainability of their products or systems Maintainability is a practical, step-by-step guide to implementing a comprehensive maintainability program within your organization's design and development function. From program scheduling, organizational interfacing, cost estimating, and supplier activities, to maintainability prediction, task analysis, formal design review, and maintainability tests and demonstrations, it describes all the planning and organizational aspects of maintainability for projects under development and *

- * Schools readers in state-of-the-art maintainability design techniques
- * Demonstrates methods for quantitatively measuring maintainability at every stage of the development process
- * Shows how to increase effectiveness while reducing life-cycle costs of already existing systems or products
- * Features numerous case studies, sample applications, and practice exercises
- * Functions equally well as a professional reference and a classroom text

Independent cost analysis studies indicate that an inordinately large percentage of the overall life-cycle cost of most systems/products is currently taken up by maintenance and support. In fact, for many large-scale systems,

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maintenance and support have been shown to account for as much as 60% to 75% of overall life-cycle costs. At a time of fierce global competition, long-term cost effectiveness is a major competitive advantage that manufacturers simply cannot afford to underestimate. Clearly then, to remain competitive in today's international marketplace, companies must institute programs for reducing system maintenance and support costs-- comprehensive programs that are an integral part of the design and development process from its earliest conceptual stages. This book shows you how to implement such a program within your organization's design and development function. From program scheduling, organizational interfacing, cost estimating, and supplier activities, to maintainability prediction, task analysis, formal design review, and maintainability tests and demonstrations, it describes all the planning and organizational aspects of maintainability for projects under development while schooling you in the use of the full range of proven design techniques--including methods for quantitatively measuring maintainability at every stage of the development process. The authors also clearly explain how the principles and practices outlined in Maintainability can be applied to the evaluation of systems/products now in use both to increase their effectiveness and reduce long-term costs. While theoretical aspects of maintainability are discussed, the authors' main purpose in writing this book is to help get professionals quickly on-line with the essential maintainability concepts and skills. Hence, in addition to clarity of presentation and a rational hierarchical format, Maintainability features many case studies and sample applications that help to clarify the points covered, and numerous practice exercises that help engineers to test their mastery of the concepts and techniques covered. Maintainability is an invaluable professional tool for

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engineers from all disciplines who are involved with the design, testing, prototyping, manufacturing, and maintenance of products and systems. It also serves as a superior course book for graduate-level programs in those disciplines.

This book emphasizes the concepts and techniques of analysis that prove useful in evaluating the economic feasibility of engineering systems, projects, and services for decision purposes. It also familiarizes the engineer with operations and operational feasibility necessary to considerations of the design process. **KEY TOPICS:** Chapter topics cover economic and cost concepts; interest formula; calculations of economic equivalence; equivalence involving inflation; bases for comparison and decision-making among alternatives; evaluating production operations and replacement alternatives; accounting; income taxes in economic analysis; decisions under risk and uncertainty and involving multiple criteria; and estimating economic elements. For a basic understanding of mathematical modeling in complex operational systems, essential to a growing number of engineers today.

A groundbreaking text book that presents a collaborative approach to design methods that tap into a range of disciplines. In recent years, the number of complex problems to be solved by engineers has multiplied exponentially. *Transdisciplinary Engineering Design Process* outlines a collaborative approach to the engineering design process that includes input from planners, economists, politicians, physicists, biologists, domain experts, and others that represent a wide variety of disciplines. As the author explains, by including other disciplines to have a voice, the process goes beyond traditional interdisciplinary design to a more productive and creative transdisciplinary process. The transdisciplinary approach to engineering outlined leads to greater innovation through a collaboration of transdisciplinary

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knowledge, reaching beyond the borders of their own subject area to conduct “useful” research that benefits society. The author—a noted expert in the field—argues that by adopting transdisciplinary research to solving complex, large-scale engineering problems it produces more innovative and improved results. This important guide: Takes a holistic approach to solving complex engineering design challenges Includes a wealth of topics such as modeling and simulation, optimization, reliability, statistical decisions, ethics and project management Contains a description of a complex transdisciplinary design process that is clear and logical Offers an overview of the key trends in modern design engineering Integrates transdisciplinary knowledge and tools to prepare students for the future of jobs Written for members of the academy as well as industry leaders, *Transdisciplinary Engineering Design Process* is an essential resource that offers a new perspective on the design process that invites in a wide variety of collaborative partners.

This comprehensive yet accessible text emphasizes problem solving, evaluation of projects, capital budgeting and resource allocation under risk and uncertainty. Current theory of economics and finance is also discussed and the text is complemented by a full set of problems, exercises and case studies.

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Occupational ergonomics and safety studies the application of human behavior, abilities, limitations, and other characteristics to the design, testing, and evaluation of tools, machines, systems, tasks, jobs, and environments for productive, safe, comfortable, and effective use. Occupational Ergonomics Handbook provides current, comprehensive knowledge in this broad field, providing essential, state-of-the-art information from nearly 150 international leaders of this discipline. The text assesses the knowledge and expertise applied to industrial environments: Providing engineering guidelines for redesigning tools, machines, and work layouts Evaluating the demands placed on workers by current jobs Simulating alternative work methods Determining the potential for reducing physical job demands based on the implementation of new methods Topics also include: Fundamental ergonomic design principles at work Work-related musculoskeletal injuries, such as cumulative trauma to the upper extremity (CTDs) and low back disorders (LBDs), which affect several million workers each year with total costs exceeding \$100 billion annually Current knowledge used for minimizing human suffering, potential for occupational disability, and related worker's compensation costs Working conditions under which musculoskeletal injuries might occur Engineering design measures for eliminating or reducing known job-risk factors Optimal manufacturing processes regarding human perceptual and cognitive abilities as well as task reliability Identifying the worker population affected by adverse conditions Early medical and work intervention

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efforts Economics of an ergonomics maintenance program
Ergonomics as an essential cost to doing business
Ergonomics intervention includes design for manufacturability, total quality management, and work organization. Occupational Ergonomics Handbook demonstrates how ergonomics serves as a vital component for the activities of the company and enables an advantageous cooperation between management and labor. This new handbook serves a broad segment of industrial practitioners, including industrial and manufacturing engineers; managers; plant supervisors and ergonomics professionals; researchers and students from academia, business, and government; human factors and safety specialists; physical therapists; cognitive and work psychologists; sociologists; and human-computer communications specialists.

Lists and describes the various types of general business reference sources and sources having to do with specific management functions and fields

Engineering for Business features teaching materials and case studies developed for senior undergraduate courses in engineering and business and graduate-level classes in Engineering Management, Industrial Engineering and Management, and Technology Management. This work surveys the more robust quantitative tools and techniques used to facilitate decision-making in business and uses case studies to illustrate their application. Where appropriate, the readers are provided with frameworks to enable application of the techniques covered and are directed to commercially available software developed to facilitate the deployment of these tools and techniques. Traditional industrial engineering and engineering management techniques related to Engineering Economy, Multi-Criteria Decision-making, Project Management, Management Science, and Facilities Planning

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are covered. These are complemented by a review of more topical areas, such as Applications Software for Business, Technology Commercialization, and Supply Chain Management. In all areas, the emphasis is on integrating theory and practice through the use of case studies based on projects conducted in a wide range of industry settings. Engineering for Business provides a robust framework for the explicit integration of engineering tools and techniques into a business curriculum. The case studies are rich in data and provide great opportunities for students to apply the techniques covered and to propose innovative solutions to open-ended project assignments.

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