

## Homework 5 Solutions

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The quiz is based on the following material: Lecture 10, Lecture 11, Chapter 7 (Sections 7.8 and 7.9) and Appendix A from the textbook, and the problems in Homework 5.

## Problem 1 Solution:

- a. the present value of this 30-year savings:

$$P_{savings} = \sum_{t=1}^n A_t \beta^t = 0.55 \sum_{t=1}^{30} \left( \frac{1}{1+0.12} \right)^t = A\beta [1 + \beta + \beta^2 + \dots + \beta^{n-1}] = 4.43\$ / ft^2$$

thus the NPV is  $4.43-3=1.43 \$/ft^2$

- b. when NPV is zero, the present value of saving is equal to the additional cost of the windows

$$P_{savings} = \sum_{t=1}^n A_t \beta^t = 0.55 \sum_{t=1}^{30} \left( \frac{1}{1+d} \right)^t = A\beta [1 + \beta + \beta^2 + \dots + \beta^{n-1}] = 3\$ / ft^2$$

Then we can solve the above equation and have  $IRR=0.1821$

- c. if the savings escalate at 7% per year due to fueling savings

$$d' = \frac{d-e}{1+e} = \frac{.12 - .07}{1 + .07} = \frac{.05}{1.07} = 0.046729$$

$$P_{savings} = \sum_{t=1}^n W_t \beta'^t = 0.55 \sum_{t=1}^{30} \left( \frac{1}{1+0.046729} \right)^t = 8.78\$ / ft^2$$

thus the NPV is  $8.78-3=5.78 \$/ft^2$

d. we have the  $IRR' = 0.1821$ , because

$$P_{saving} = 0.55 \sum_{t=1}^{30} \left( \frac{1}{1 + IRR'} \right)^t = 3\$ / ft^2$$

thus the actual  $IRR$  is  $IRR'(1+e)+e=0.2649$ , because

$$IRR' = \frac{IRR - e}{1 + e}$$

### Problem 2:

a. the annual saving is:

$$0.07 \cdot 60,000 + 9 \cdot 25 \cdot 12 = 6900 \$$$

b.

$$P_{saving} = \sum_{t=1}^n A_t \beta^t = 6900 \sum_{t=1}^{30} \left( \frac{1}{1 + IRR} \right)^t = 135,000 \$$$

$$IRR = 0.02993$$

c.

$$P_{saving} = \sum_{t=1}^n A_t \beta^t = 6900 \sum_{t=1}^{30} (1 + 0.06)^t \left( \frac{1}{1 + IRR} \right)^t = 135,000 \$$$

$$IRR = 0.0917$$

**Problem 3:**

Annual cost is

$$A = P \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta(1 - \beta^n)} = 15,000 \frac{1 - \frac{1}{1+0.06}}{\frac{1}{1+0.06} [1 - (\frac{1}{1+0.06})^{20}]} = 1307.77\$ / year$$

Annual energy production is:

$$10 \cdot 8760 \cdot 0.25 = 21900 kWh$$

The electricity price is

$$\frac{1307.77}{21900} = 5.97 \text{ cents} / kWh$$

**Problem 4:**

**7.10** The 101-m Siemens turbines in Table 7.5 come with either a 2300-kW or a 3000-kW generator. Using the approach based on (7.63):

- a. Find the energy (kWh/yr) each will deliver in an area with 5.7 m/s average wind speed.

**SOLN:**

$$E(\text{kWh/yr}) = 8760 P_R \left[ 0.087 \bar{V} - \frac{P_R}{D^2} \right]$$

$$E(2300, 5.7) = 8760 \cdot 2300 \left[ 0.087 \times 5.7 - \frac{2300}{101^2} \right] = 5.45 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh/yr}$$

$$E(3000, 5.7) = 8760 \cdot 3000 \left[ 0.087 \times 5.7 - \frac{3000}{101^2} \right] = 5.30 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh/yr}$$

So, the smaller generator might actually deliver more energy and would cost less as well.

- b. Determine the optimum generator size for these winds. Check to be sure it does better than the standard size generators.

**SOLN:** Using (7.67)

$$\frac{P_R}{D^2} = 0.0435 \bar{V}$$

$$P_R = 0.0435 \times 5.7 \times 101^2 = 2,529 \text{ kW}$$

$$E(2529, 5.7) = 8760 \cdot 2529 \left[ 0.087 \cdot 5.7 - \frac{2529}{101^2} \right] = 5.49 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh/yr}$$

And, yes, it does deliver more energy than either the 2300 or 3000 kW generators.

- c. At what wind speed would the 3000-kW generator begin to out-perform the 2300-kW generator? Check to see that the two generator outputs are the same at that windspeed.

**SOLN:** Setting the energies delivered equal gives

$$E(2300, 5.7) = E(3000, 5.7)$$

$$2300 \cdot 8760 \left( 0.087 \bar{V} - \frac{2300}{101^2} \right) = 3000 \cdot 8760 \left( 0.087 \bar{V} - \frac{3000}{101^2} \right)$$

$$2300 \cdot 0.087 \bar{V} - 3000 \cdot 0.087 \bar{V} = \left( \frac{2300}{101} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{3000}{101} \right)^2$$

$$60.9 \bar{V} = 363.69$$

$$\bar{V} = 5.972 \text{ m/s}$$

Check... do they deliver the same output?

$$E(2300, 5.972) = 8760 \cdot 2300 \left[ 0.087 \cdot 5.972 - \frac{2300}{101^2} \right] = 5.925 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh/yr}$$

$$E(3000, 5.972) = 8760 \cdot 3000 \left[ 0.087 \cdot 5.972 - \frac{3000}{101^2} \right] = 5.925 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh/yr}$$

Yep, as the winds get higher than this, the 3000 kW begins to outperform the smaller one.

**7.11** Consider the design of a home-built wind turbine using a 350-W permanent magnet dc motor used as a generator. The goal is to deliver 70 kWh in a 30-day month.

a. What capacity factor would be needed for the machine?

$$CF = \frac{\text{Energy delivered (kWh/mo)}}{P_R (\text{kW}) \times 30 \text{ day/mo} \times 24 \text{ h/day}} = \frac{70}{0.35 \times 30 \times 24} = 0.2778 = 27.78\%$$

b. If the average wind speed is 5 m/s, and Rayleigh statistics apply, what should the rotor diameter be if the CF correlation of (7.63) is used?

$$CF = 0.087\bar{V} - \frac{P_R}{D^2} = 0.087 \times 5 - \frac{0.35}{D^2} = 0.2778$$

**SOLN:**

$$D = \sqrt{\frac{0.35}{0.435 - 0.2778}} = 1.49 \text{ m}$$

**7.13** The 2013 "Low Wind" turbine pricing in Table 7.6 uses a 1.62 MW turbine with an installed cost of \$2025/kW with a 100-m rotor diameter.

a. At a site with 6 m/s Rayleigh winds at 50-m, estimate the energy this turbine would deliver at a hub height of 100 m assuming the usual 1/7th wind-shear factor. Assume 15% losses.

**SOLN:** First estimate the winds at 100 m

$$\bar{V}_{100} = \bar{V}_{ref} \left( \frac{H}{H_{ref}} \right)^\alpha = 6 \left( \frac{100}{50} \right)^{1/7} = 6.6245 \text{ m/s}$$

Using (7.63) for CF

$$CF = 0.087\bar{V} - \frac{P_R}{D^2} = 0.087 \times 6.6245 - \frac{1620}{100^2} = 0.4143$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Annual energy} &= 1620 \text{ kW} \times 8760 \text{ h/yr} \times 0.4143 \times (1 - 0.15) \\ &= 4.998 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh/yr} \end{aligned}$$

b. Assuming a nominal 9% financing charge with a 20-yr term along with annual O&M costs of \$60/kW, find the levelized cost of electricity. Does it agree with Figure 7.48?

**SOLN:**  $CRF(9\%, 20) = \frac{0.09(1.09)^{20}}{(1.09)^{20} - 1} = 0.10955 / yr$

Annual capital cost = \$2025/kW x 1620 kW x 0.10955/yr = \$359,379/yr

Annual O&M cost = \$60/kW-yr x 1620 kW = \$97,200/yr

$$LCOE = \frac{\$359,379 + 97,200 / yr}{4.998 \times 10^6 kWh / yr} = 0.0914 / kWh = 9.14\phi / kWh$$

Looks like it agrees with Figure 7.48.