

Finally, we have come to a point for which our system of education and training can be truly proud. With modern analysis and computers, plus their excellent background and training, modern technical specialists can solve a large variety of technical problems virtually from basic principles. This is an important capability and one which should continue to be nurtured and developed. Unfortunately, the results do not always justify archival publication. This phenomenon manifests itself in that we are receiving an excessive number of papers whose technical content has, in fact, been previously published. Archival publication requires, in addition to the solution, a competent background search and an exposition of previous related work so that the new results can be placed into proper technical context. Technology is a thread, and each person adds to it.

Lastly, a word concerning the conversion to the metric system. My original note requires the MKS system of units. Additional study of various publications on the standards of the MKS system has persuaded me to relax the requirements slightly. The existing metric system standards seem to be both too strict on the one hand and, on the other hand, to contain some other requirements that are technically not justified. The suggested relaxation is to permit the use of grams, or even milligrams, or centimeters or even millimeters, when appropriate, in addition to kilograms and meters. I will even accept grads. English units, such as inches, feet, pounds,

or slugs, can be used in parentheses, following their metric values.

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