

# Advanced Math & Problem Solving

## Course Outline

- I. Review of determining areas
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- V. Determining perimeter of trapezoids
- VI. Determining rubbing surfaces
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- IX. Total ventilating pressure
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- XIV. Depth of Shaft- Atmospheric air pressure
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- XVI. Water calculations
- XVII. Barrier Pillar formula & calculations

## Formula Terms & Equations

**a** = sectional area of airway measured in square feet (ft.<sup>2</sup>)

- *Rectangle or square*.....height x width = area
- *Trapezoid* ..... $\frac{\text{top width} + \text{bottom width}}{2}$  x height = area
- *Circle*..... $\pi \times r^2 = \text{area}$

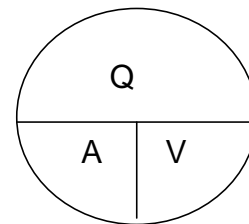
**Note:  $\pi = 3.1416$**

**v** = velocity of air current measured in feet per minute (fpm)

- *Smoke tube*..... $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{decimal time}}$
- *Anemometer*.....
- *Magnehelic*.....V.P. =  $4003 \times \sqrt{i}$   
(Velocity Pressure)  
note: see page 6

**q** = quantity of air, in cubic feet per minute (cfm)

- *Quantity of air (cfm)*.....  $q = a \times v$
- *Velocity of air*..... $v = \frac{q}{a}$  or
- *Area (when velocity and quantity are known)*..... $a = \frac{q}{v}$



Algebraic Circle

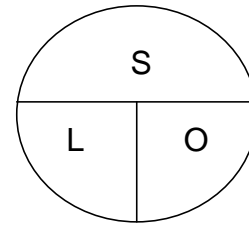
**l** = length of airway measured in linear feet

o = perimeter of airway measured in *linear feet*

- *Rectangle or Square*..... Top width +bottom width + side 1 + side 2
- Circle.....  $\pi \times \text{diameter}$
- Trapezoid.....  $Z = \frac{1}{2} \overline{X^2 + Y^2}$
- (Pythagoras's Theorem) to find side Then: Top width +bottom width + side 1 + side 2  
Note: see page 5

s = rubbing surface measured in square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>)

- **Rubbing surface**.....  $s = lo$



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**k** = coefficient of friction,  
(The resistance of one square foot of rubbing surface to an air current with a velocity of one foot per minute) **{.00000002}**

**i** = inches of water gauge; also given as w.g.

- **Water gauge**.....  $i = \frac{p}{5.2}$

**P** = total ventilating pressure, in pounds (lbs.)

- **Total pressure**.....  $P = pa$

**p** = unit ventilating pressure, in pounds per square feet (lb./ft.<sup>2</sup>)

- **Unit pressure, lbs. per sq ft**.....  $p = \frac{ksv^2}{a}$

**R** = total resistance of an airway, in pounds; equals P

- **Resistance, lbs**.....  $R = pa = P$

**u** = units of work, in foot-pounds per minute

- **Units of power, ft lbs per min**..... $u = ksv^3$   
(The work performed each minute by a current of air with a velocity of a certain number of feet per minute.)

**h** = horsepower; also given as h.p. or H.P.  
(One horsepower can move: 33,000 lbs. One foot vertically in one minute  
: 330 lbs. 100 feet vertically in one minute  
: 33 lbs. 1,000 feet vertically in one minute)

- **Horsepower**.....  $h = \frac{u}{33,000}$

$$1 \text{ horsepower} = 746 \text{ watts/electricity}$$

$$1 \text{ horsepower} = .746 \text{ kilowatts/electricity}$$

**Hg** = inches of mercury

- **Atmospheric air pressure (Depth of Shaft)**..... 1 (mercury) inch = 876 feet in air column (Barometric pressure)

**Equivalent orifice (Regulators)**.....  $E.O. = \frac{.0004 \times Q}{\bar{O} \bar{i}}^{\text{New}}$

**Water (gallons)**..... 1 cubic foot = 7.5 gallons

**Water (weight)**..... 1 cubic foot = 62.5 lbs.

### Temperature conversion

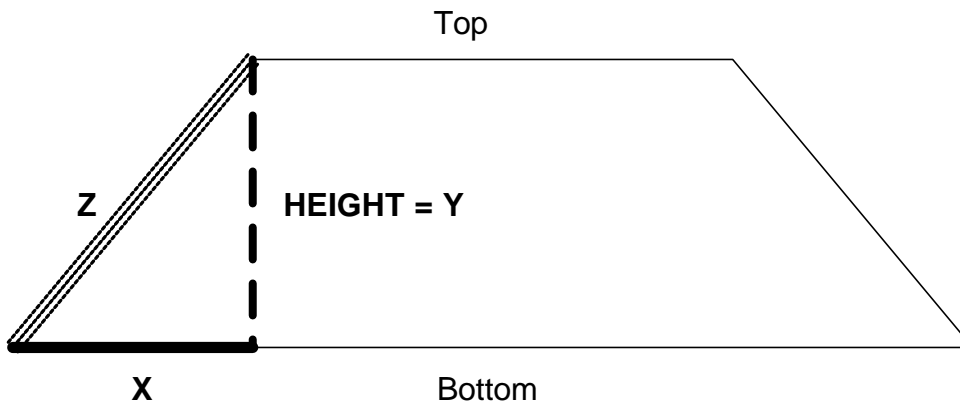
Fahrenheit to Centigrade.....  $C^{\circ} = 32 - F^{\circ} \text{ temp.} \times .555$

Centigrade to Fahrenheit.....  $F^{\circ} = C^{\circ} \times 1.8 + 32$

### Barrier Pillar Formula.....

$$2 \times (10' + (2' \text{ for every foot or part of a foot of seam height}) + (5' \text{ for every } 100' \text{ or part of } 100' \text{ of cover}))$$

## TRAPEZOID



### PYTHAGORAS'S THEOREM

$$Z = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$$

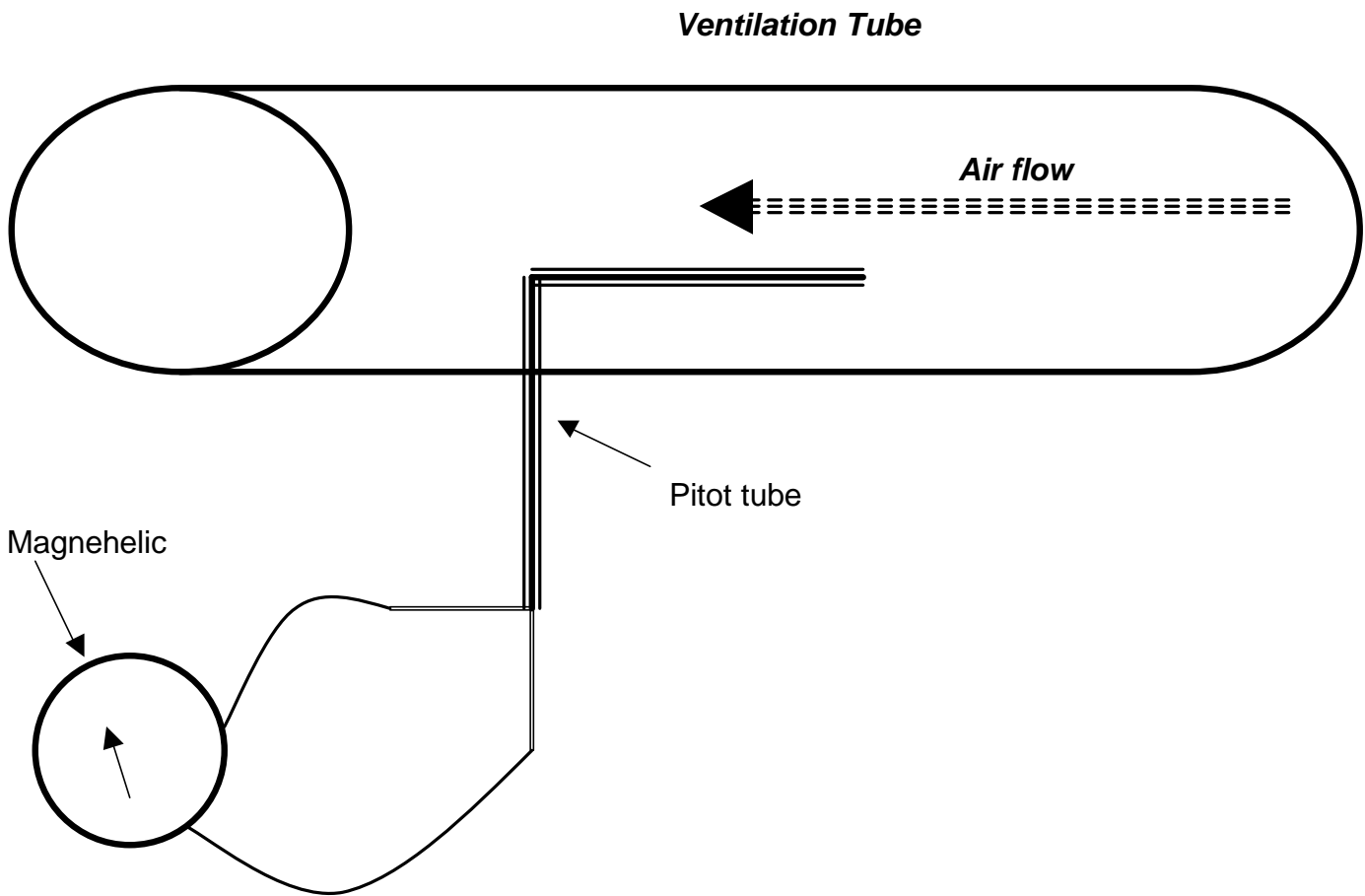
This formula is used to find the angle side of a right triangle. The height is given and the top and bottom portion of the trapezoid are given.

To find "X", use the following:

$$\frac{\text{BOTTOM} - \text{TOP}}{2} = X$$

Complete by finding the perimeter by adding the top + the bottom + the right side + the left side.

**Taking an air reading using a Magnehelic and a Pitot tube: When high velocity air movement will damage the anemometer.**



Take magnehelic reading (inches of water), and then use the formula;

$$4003 \times \sqrt{i.} = \text{V.P. or ventilation pressure, which is in fpm}$$

**FORMULAS FOR METHANE EVALUATION**

$Q_G$  = Quantity of Methane Gas (cfm)

$Q_R$  = Quantity of Return Air(cfm)

$\%G$  = Percentage of Gas (methane detector reading)

$Q_i$  = Quantity of Intake Air(cfm)

**METHANOMETER CONVERSION (2 decimal places)**

(detector)                      (decimal equivalent)  
 .5% of methane = .005  
 1.0% OF methane = .01

For quantity of methane in a 24 hour period:  
 $Q_G \times 60$  (minutes)  $\times 24$  (hours) = CF/CH<sub>4</sub>/24

The formula to find the quantity of gas when the percent of gas and the quantity of return air are known:

$$Q_G = Q_R \times \%G$$

The formula to find the percent of gas when the quantity of gas and the quantity of return air are known:

$$\%G = \frac{Q_G}{Q_R}$$

The formula to find the quantity of return air when the quantity of gas and the percent of gas are known:

$$Q_R = \frac{Q_G}{\%G}$$

The formula to find the quantity of return air when the quantity of gas and quantity of intake air are known:

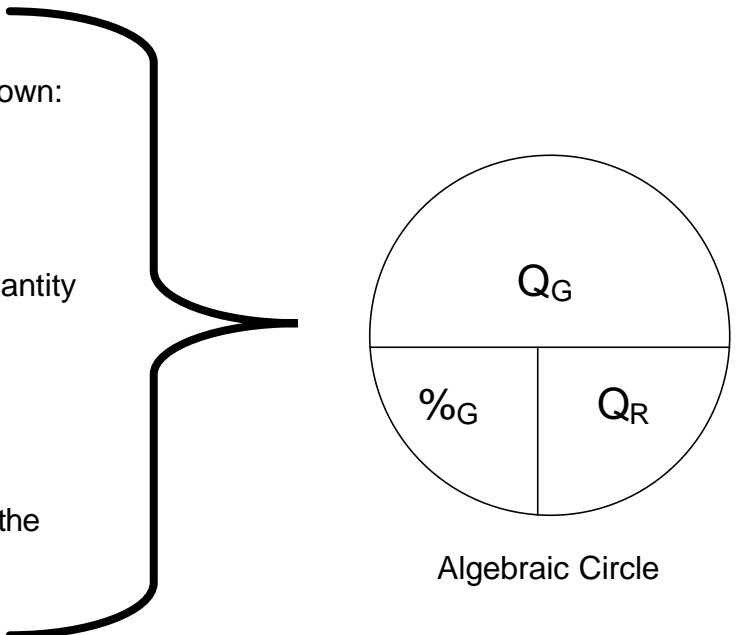
$$Q_R = Q_G + Q_i$$

**Dilution Formula**

The formula to find the amount of **air to add** to reduce the percent of gas in an air current:

$$\text{Air to add} = \frac{Q_G}{\%G(\text{new gas reading})} - Q_R$$

To find the **total volume** of air, do not subtract the return air volume.



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