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----- Principles of Nuclear Engineering -----  
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**Part I**

1. Briefly explain or describe the following terminology: (12%)

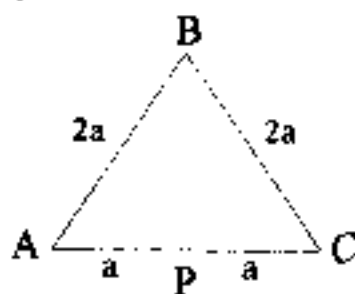
- specific burnup.
- burnable poison.
- control rod methods used in commercial BWR and PWR.
- neutron age.
- delayed critical.

2. Draw the following plots: (8%)

- the fission cross sections of U-238 as a function of neutron energy.
- the attenuation coefficients (also showing each of the three interaction processes) of lead as a function of  $\gamma$ -ray energy.

3. As shown, three isotropic point neutron sources, each emitting  $S_0$  neutrons/sec, are located at the three corners of an equilateral triangle of side  $2a$ . (8%)

- Find the neutron flux at the point A if the medium is a purely absorbing medium.
- Find the neutron current at the point P if the medium is a diffusing medium.



4. A bare, finite, multiplying, cylindrical, fast reactor, constructed of pure  ${}_{94}\text{Pu}^{239}$  with radius  $R = 7$  cm and height  $H = 13$  cm, is operating at a power of 10 MW. The associated nuclear data for  ${}_{94}\text{Pu}^{239}$  are given as follows.  $\nu = 2.98$ ,  $\sigma_a = 0.26$  b,  $\sigma_f = 1.85$  b,  $\sigma_s = 6.82$  b, and  $\rho = 19.74$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Assume one-group theory and isotropic scattering, and neglect the extrapolated distance  $d$ . Determine the material buckling of the reactor. (6%)

5. The rods of a TRIGA reactor contain a zirconium hydride. The molecular formula of zirconium hydride is  $\text{ZrH}_{1.7}$  and the mass density is 4.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The average scattering cross sections of  ${}^1_0\text{H}$  and  ${}^{91}_{40}\text{Zr}$  equal to 18 and 6.2 barns, respectively. Determine the average number of scatterings

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that a fast (1.98 MeV) neutron in the reactor is needed before reaching the thermal-neutron energy. (6%)

6. Derive an expression for the neutron flux distribution in the radial direction about a line, isotropic, and mono-energetic neutron source emitting  $S_0$  neutrons/cm-sec in a diffusing medium. (10%).
7. As shown in the attached Figure 1, heat transfer at solid/liquid interface with phase change can be divided into four regions. Explain the heat transfer phenomena involved in each region (4%). Usually, LWR is operated in region 2 in which the heat transfer is very effective. However, the boiling transition (point C on the curve) is a very important limiting condition of operation. Please explain the physical phenomena occurred at the boiling transition in a pressurized water reactor and in a boiling water reactor (4%). Describe the method used in LWR design to assure that this limit is not violated during normal operation (2%).
8. Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) is one of the Design Basis Accidents of Light Water Reactors. Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) was designed to mitigate LOCA. Please describe ECCS of Boiling Water Reactor and Pressurized Water Reactor (6%). The design of ECCS has to satisfy the acceptance criteria. Please list these criteria and give the reason of inclusion these criteria (4%).
9. It is well known that the Chernobyl was caused by the positive coolant void reactivity coefficient of RBMK reactor (use graphite as moderator, boiling water as coolant). Please describe the physical meaning of the void coefficient and the mechanism of its impact on the stability of nuclear power reactor. In a boiling water reactor, the void reactivity coefficient is negative. Both of BWR and RBMK are thermal reactor and they both use boiling water as coolant. Please use the four factor formula to explain the drastic difference in their void reactivity coefficient (10%).

Hint: Four factors formula:

$$k_{\infty} = \eta f p \epsilon$$

$k_{\infty}$ : infinity multiplication factor;

$\eta f$ : fission factor.

$p$ : resonance escape probability;

$f$ : thermal utilization,

$\epsilon$ : fast fission factor

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10. The attached Figure 2 displayed the results of the thermal analysis of the hottest channel of a BWR. In the figure,  $T_b$  is the coolant temperature and  $T_c$  is the cladding surface temperature. Please explain why the coolant temperature levels off beyond point A (2%) and why the cladding surface temperature levels off beyond point B (3%)

11. 假設附圖三所示為某石化工業區一天 24 小時的溫度分佈，而石化工廠為 24 小時運轉，故不斷的自 50 公尺高之煙囪排放廢氣。如果離此石化工業區一段距離外，有一海灘。請用污染物質在大氣擴散的相關理論，說明“早安晨跑”或“人約黃昏後”較有益健康 (5%)。

12. A x-ray machine technician observed the process outside the room through a window. The window is made of  $SiO_2$  with density of  $2.21 \text{ g/cm}^3$ . The X-ray machine is about 3m from the window which is about 1.6 m above the ground. the thickness of the window is 0.5 cm. For each X-ray picture taken, the machine generated  $10^9$  X-rays with 0.1 MeV. Please evaluate the exposure (in terms of Roentgen) at the window outer surface (5%) and the dose equivalent of the technician for each x-ray picture (5%). (use the uncollide fluence to estimate the exposure and dose equivalent)

the molecular weight of Si is 28.09

the molecular weight of O is 16

the density of Si is  $2.33 \text{ g/cm}^3$

the density of  $O_2$  is  $0.0014 \text{ g/cm}^3$

the density of air is  $0.00129 \text{ g/cm}^3$

the linear attenuation coefficient of Si for 0.1 MeV gamma is  $0.4008 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

the linear attenuation coefficient of O for 0.1 MeV gamma is  $0.2114 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

the mass attenuation coefficient of air for 0.1 MeV gamma is  $0.151 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$

one Roentgen is equivalent to the energy required to produce 1 esu charge per  $\text{cm}^3$  of dry air at 1 atm pressure and 20 C (density is  $0.001293 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ).

1 esu =  $3.22 \times 10^{-10}$  coul, 1 ion =  $1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  coul

the energy required to create 1 ion pair is 34 eV

1 MeV =  $1.602 \times 10^{-6}$  erg

the quality factor of 0.1 MeV gamma is 1

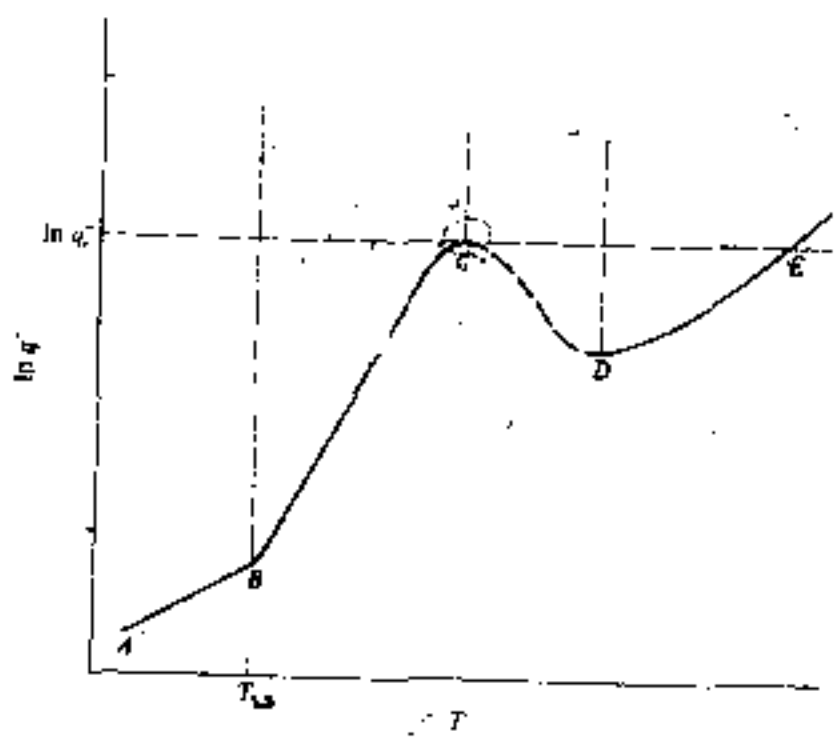


Figure 1

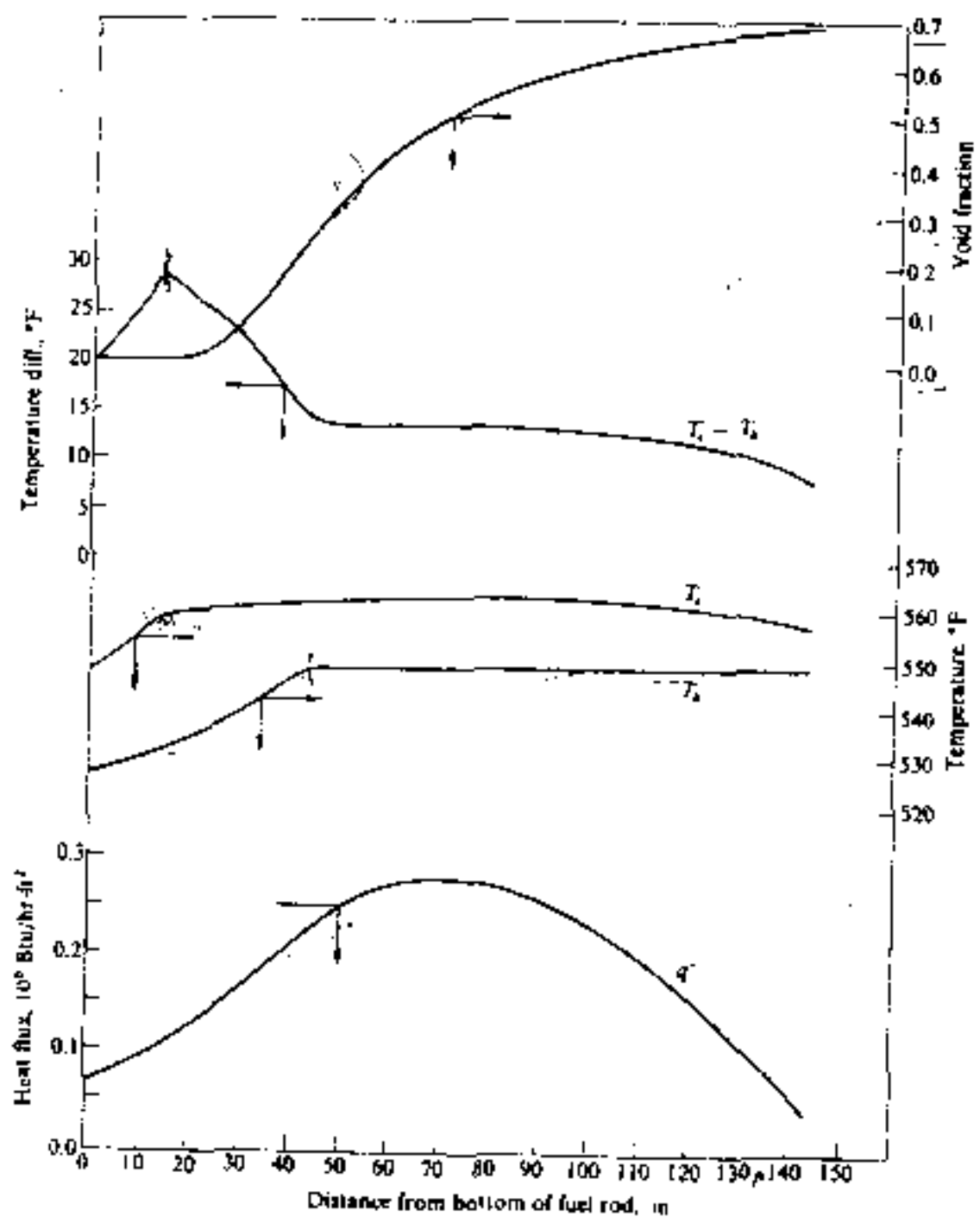
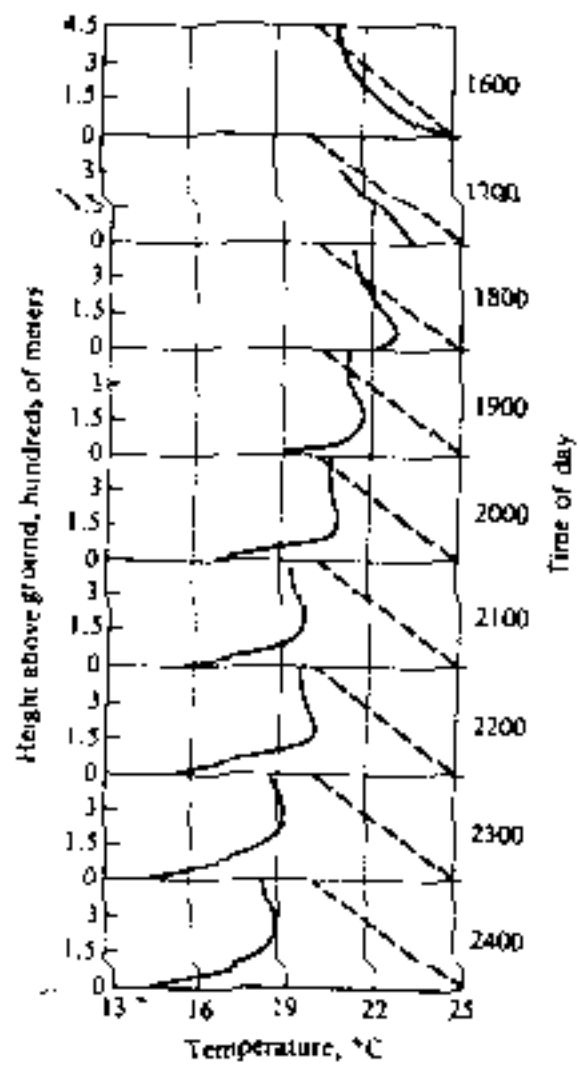
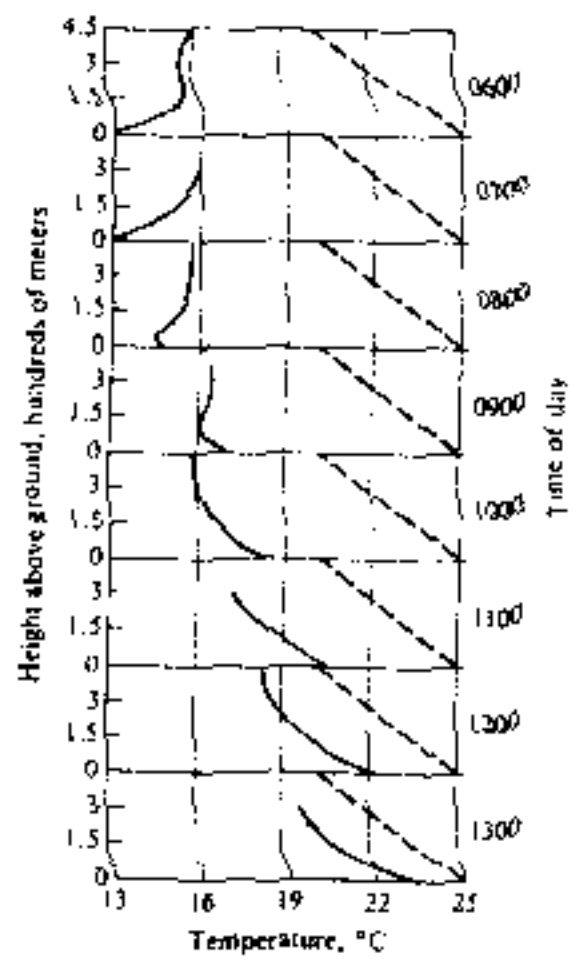


Figure 2



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TABLE II.3

The mass absorption coefficient for several materials, in  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}^*$ 

Material	Gamma-ray energy, MeV																	
	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.25	1.50	2	3	4	6	8	10	
H	.0411	.0487	.0631	.0675	.0689	.0691	.0690	.675	.0687	.0533	.0608	.0487	.0401	.0354	.0313	.0281	.0252	.0228
He	.0183	.0217	.0287	.0256	.0263	.0261	.0263	.0266	.0248	.0227	.0227	.0210	.0183	.0164	.0151	.0141	.0137	.0118
C	.0215	.0246	.0307	.0286	.0294	.0297	.0296	.0299	.0280	.0258	.0258	.0237	.0209	.0190	.0177	.0168	.0153	.0145
N	.0234	.0269	.0327	.0306	.0314	.0317	.0316	.0319	.0299	.0277	.0277	.0256	.0228	.0209	.0196	.0187	.0172	.0164
O	.0233	.0268	.0326	.0305	.0313	.0316	.0315	.0318	.0298	.0276	.0276	.0255	.0227	.0208	.0195	.0186	.0171	.0163
Na	.0289	.0325	.0383	.0362	.0370	.0373	.0372	.0375	.0355	.0333	.0333	.0312	.0284	.0265	.0252	.0237	.0228	.0213
Mg	.0285	.0321	.0379	.0358	.0366	.0369	.0368	.0371	.0351	.0329	.0329	.0308	.0280	.0261	.0248	.0233	.0224	.0209
Al	.0273	.0309	.0367	.0346	.0354	.0357	.0356	.0359	.0339	.0317	.0317	.0296	.0268	.0249	.0236	.0221	.0212	.0197
Si	.0264	.0300	.0358	.0337	.0345	.0348	.0347	.0350	.0330	.0308	.0308	.0287	.0259	.0240	.0227	.0212	.0203	.0188
P	.0251	.0287	.0345	.0324	.0332	.0335	.0334	.0337	.0317	.0295	.0295	.0274	.0246	.0227	.0214	.0200	.0191	.0176
S	.0201	.0237	.0295	.0274	.0282	.0285	.0284	.0287	.0267	.0245	.0245	.0224	.0196	.0177	.0164	.0155	.0140	.0132
As	.0728	.0825	.0982	.0961	.0969	.0972	.0971	.0974	.0954	.0932	.0932	.0911	.0883	.0864	.0849	.0834	.0819	.0804
K	.0209	.0245	.0303	.0282	.0290	.0293	.0292	.0295	.0275	.0253	.0253	.0232	.0204	.0185	.0172	.0163	.0148	.0140
Ca	.111	.0289	.0347	.0326	.0334	.0337	.0336	.0339	.0319	.0297	.0297	.0276	.0248	.0229	.0216	.0201	.0192	.0177
Fe	.225	.0810	.0482	.0340	.0307	.0284	.0287	.0274	.0251	.0229	.0229	.0208	.0180	.0161	.0148	.0139	.0124	.0116
Cu	.310	.107	.0594	.0358	.0315	.0286	.0289	.0271	.0249	.0227	.0227	.0206	.0178	.0159	.0146	.0137	.0122	.0114
Mn	.222	.294	.141	.0617	.0422	.0348	.0315	.0281	.0253	.0244	.0239	.0218	.0190	.0171	.0162	.0147	.0138	.0123
Sr	1.489	.471	.222	.0813	.0554	.0403	.0346	.0294	.0248	.0248	.0239	.0218	.0190	.0171	.0162	.0147	.0138	.0123
I	1.724	.557	.260	.100	.0649	.0485	.0428	.0380	.0334	.0334	.0325	.0304	.0276	.0257	.0248	.0233	.0224	.0209
W	4.113	1.358	.831	.230	.121	.0786	.0589	.0426	.0353	.0303	.0281	.0271	.0250	.0231	.0222	.0207	.0198	.0183
Tl	4.843	1.558	.715	.262	.138	.0892	.0668	.0498	.0375	.0315	.0283	.0260	.0240	.0220	.0211	.0196	.0187	.0172
Ti	6.057	1.717	.791	.286	.152	.0972	.0718	.0491	.0363	.0328	.0301	.0282	.0262	.0243	.0234	.0219	.0210	.0195
Pb	6.193	1.753	.821	.294	.166	.0994	.0738	.0506	.0402	.0332	.0306	.0287	.0267	.0248	.0239	.0224	.0215	.0200
U	9.53	2.937	1.008	.389	.206	.122	.0868	.0608	.0488	.0388	.0344	.0324	.0304	.0285	.0276	.0261	.0252	.0237
Air	.0213	.0261	.0328	.0288	.0294	.0297	.0296	.0299	.0279	.0257	.0257	.0236	.0208	.0189	.0176	.0167	.0152	.0144
NaCl	1.466	.478	.221	.0809	.0542	.0410	.0354	.0299	.0273	.0253	.0242	.0221	.0193	.0174	.0165	.0150	.0141	.0126
H <sub>2</sub> O	.0263	.0278	.0300	.0321	.0338	.0330	.0329	.0321	.0311	.0298	.0295	.0284	.0273	.0263	.0253	.0243	.0233	.0223
Concrete	.048	.0300	.0239	.0294	.0297	.0296	.0295	.0287	.0278	.0271	.0256	.0239	.0216	.0203	.0194	.0188	.0180	.0177
Thom	.071	.0283	.0293	.0312	.0317	.0320	.0319	.0311	.0300	.0288	.0278	.0256	.0230	.0216	.0202	.0192	.0184	.0180

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TABLE II.4

The mass attenuation coefficient for several materials, in  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}^*$ 

Material	Gamma-ray energy, MeV																	
	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.25	1.5	2	3	4	5	6	8	10
H	.296	.265	.243	.212	.189	.173	.160	.140	.126	.113	.103	.0878	.0691	.0579	.0502	.0446	.0371	.0321
He	.112	.119	.109	.0945	.0847	.0773	.0715	.0626	.0566	.0504	.0469	.0394	.0313	.0268	.0234	.0211	.0180	.0161
C	.149	.134	.121	.106	.0953	.0870	.0805	.0707	.0636	.0568	.0519	.0444	.0364	.0304	.0270	.0245	.0213	.0194
N	.160	.134	.122	.106	.0955	.0869	.0805	.0707	.0636	.0568	.0517	.0445	.0367	.0308	.0273	.0249	.0218	.0200
O	.161	.134	.120	.107	.0953	.0870	.0808	.0704	.0636	.0568	.0518	.0445	.0369	.0309	.0276	.0254	.0224	.0206
Mg	.161	.130	.118	.102	.0912	.0833	.0770	.0678	.0608	.0546	.0496	.0427	.0348	.0288	.0254	.0229	.0215	.0196
Mg	.180	.136	.122	.106	.0944	.0860	.0796	.0699	.0627	.0560	.0512	.0442	.0368	.0316	.0286	.0260	.0242	.0223
Al	.181	.134	.120	.103	.0922	.0840	.0777	.0680	.0614	.0548	.0500	.0430	.0353	.0301	.0271	.0244	.0221	.0202
Si	.172	.139	.126	.107	.0964	.0882	.0819	.0722	.0656	.0590	.0542	.0472	.0395	.0343	.0313	.0286	.0264	.0245
P	.174	.137	.123	.104	.0928	.0844	.0780	.0683	.0617	.0551	.0502	.0432	.0355	.0303	.0273	.0246	.0223	.0204
S	.186	.144	.127	.108	.0958	.0874	.0808	.0707	.0636	.0568	.0519	.0448	.0371	.0319	.0289	.0264	.0246	.0226
As	.128	.135	.117	.0977	.0867	.0790	.0726	.0634	.0573	.0512	.0463	.0407	.0338	.0281	.0279	.0268	.0248	.0243
K	.215	.149	.127	.108	.0938	.0862	.0796	.0699	.0618	.0557	.0505	.0438	.0366	.0317	.0286	.0260	.0234	.0227
Ca	.228	.165	.132	.109	.0955	.0878	.0808	.0708	.0634	.0568	.0518	.0451	.0378	.0328	.0296	.0270	.0244	.0238
Ca	.344	.189	.138	.106	.0919	.0840	.0780	.0684	.0605	.0531	.0485	.0418	.0341	.0290	.0258	.0232	.0206	.0204
Fe	.427	.204	.147	.108	.0916	.0830	.0761	.0654	.0586	.0521	.0476	.0410	.0337	.0280	.0248	.0222	.0196	.0195
Mn	1.03	.309	.226	.130	.0958	.0851	.0793	.0682	.0575	.0510	.0467	.0401	.0328	.0278	.0244	.0218	.0192	.0191
Mn	1.64	.583	.303	.153	.100	.0896	.0778	.0647	.0540	.0480	.0436	.0370	.0300	.0250	.0216	.0190	.0164	.0163
I	1.23	.549	.338	.184	.114	.0913	.0792	.0653	.0571	.0502	.0460	.0400	.0330	.0280	.0246	.0220	.0194	.0193
W	4.21	1.44	.708	.392	.174	.131	.101	.0763	.0640	.0544	.0486	.0427	.0356	.0306	.0272	.0246	.0220	.0219
Tl	4.73	1.64	.796	.324	.151	.126	.107	.0800	.0659	.0554	.0501	.0443	.0374	.0324	.0290	.0264	.0238	.0237
Ti	5.14	1.80	.858	.346	.164	.143	.112	.0824	.0675	.0563	.0508	.0450	.0380	.0330	.0296	.0270	.0244	.0243
Ti	5.29	1.84	.898	.354	.168	.145	.114	.0836	.0684	.0568	.0512	.0457	.0387	.0337	.0303	.0277	.0251	.0250
V	10.80	2.42	1.17	.452	.219	.176	.136	.0862	.0757	.0616	.0548	.0484	.0414	.0364	.0330	.0304	.0278	.0277
U	.151	.134	.121	.106	.0953	.0870	.0805	.0707	.0636	.0568	.0517	.0445	.0367	.0308	.0273	.0249	.0218	.0200
U	1.57	.584	.305	.154	.101	.0901	.0780	.0647	.0573	.0502	.0460	.0400	.0330	.0280	.0246	.0220	.0194	.0193
UO	.167	.149	.136	.116	.100	.0946	.0880	.0780	.0708	.0636	.0585	.0518	.0441	.0390	.0356	.0330	.0304	.0303
Concrete	.189	.139	.124	.107	.0964	.0870	.0804	.0706	.0635	.0567	.0517	.0448	.0371	.0320	.0286	.0260	.0234	.0233
Thom	.163	.144	.132	.115	.100	.0936	.0867	.0761	.0683	.0600	.0558	.0478	.0394	.0343	.0309	.0283	.0257	.0256

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