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Homework #5

List of problems [3-9, 3-16, 3-17 , 3-19].

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| **3-16.** Four hundred pounds of copper go into a 2,000- square-foot, newly constructed house. Today’s price of copper is $3.50 per pound. If the cost of copper is expected to increase 4.5% per year into the foreseeable future, what is the cost of copper going to be in a new 2,400 square foot house 10 years from now. Assume the cost capacity factor for increases of copper in houses equals 1.0. |
| Cin10years=(2400/2000)\*(400lbs)\*(3.50$/lb)\*(1.045)^10=2608.98 |

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| **3-17.** The structural engineering design section within the engineering department of a regional electrical utility corporation has developed several standard designs for a group of similar transmission line towers. The detailed design for each tower is based on one of the standard designs. A transmission line project involving 50 towers has been approved. The estimated number of engineering hours needed to accomplish the first detailed tower design is 126.  Assuming a 95% learning curve, |
| **a.** What is your estimate of the number of engineering hours needed to design the eighth tower and to design the last tower in the project?  Z8=126(8^(log 0.95/log2))= 108.03 engineering hours  Z50=126(50^(log 0.95/log2))= 94.33 engineering hours  **b.** What is your estimate of the cumulative average hours required for the first five designs? (3.4)  T5= =126(4.66214)= 587.43 |

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| **3-9.** Prepare a composite (weighted) index for housing construction costs in 2008, using the following data:      Weighted index= 153.51 |

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| **3-19.** In a learning curve application, 846.2 work hours are required for the third production unit and 783.0 work-hours are required for the fifth production unit. Determine the value of *n* (and therefore *s*) in Equation (3-5).  Z3=846.2 hours  Z5=783 hours  U=3, U=5  ln (0.6)^n= ln 1.08 n=ln1.08/ln 0.6=-0.15  n=10g5/logs = .0.15=log(s-2) = 0.707= s-2 =s=2,707 |