Research Methodology

Basic Concepts of research
- Objective, motivation and types of research (fundamental, applied)
- Definition of research problem and associated literature survey
- Primary and secondary sources

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- Research methodology and research methods
- Basic principles of experimental design
- Introduction to hypothesis
- Sampling: Different types of sample design and steps in sampling

Measurement and ScalingTechniques
- Measurementinresearch
- Measurementscales
- Sources of error in measurement
- Tests of sound measurement
- Techniqueofdeveloping measurement tools
- Scaling
- Meaning of Scaling
- Scale Classification Bases
- Important Scaling Techniques
- Scale Construction Techniques

Scientific Writing
- Preparation of reports, research manuscripts and thesis
- Citation of the sources
- Editing and proof reading
- Ethics and related issues in research

Core Subject: Mechanical Engineering

Engineering Mathematics
- **Linear Algebra**: Matrix algebra, systems of linear equations, eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
- **Calculus**: Functions of single variable, limit, continuity and differentiability, mean value theorems, indeterminate forms; evaluation of definite and improper integrals; double and triple integrals; partial derivatives, total derivative, Taylor series (in one and two variables), maxima and minima, Fourier series; gradient, divergence and curl, vector identities, directional derivatives, line, surface and volume integrals, applications of Gauss, Stokes and Green's theorems.
- **Differential equations**: First order equations (linear and nonlinear); higher order linear differential equations with constant coefficients; Euler-Cauchy equation; initial and boundary value problems; Laplace transforms; solutions of heat, wave and Laplace's equations.
- **Complex variables**: Analytic functions; Cauchy-Riemann equations; Cauchy's integral theorem and integral formula; Taylor and Laurent series.

- **Probability and Statistics**: Definitions of probability, sampling theorems, conditional probability; mean, median, mode and standard deviation; random variables, binomial, Poisson and normal distributions.
- **Numerical Methods**: Numerical solutions of linear and non-linear algebraic equations; integration by trapezoidal and Simpson's rules; single and multi-step methods for differential equations.

Fluid Mechanics and Thermal Sciences
- **Fluid Mechanics:** Fluid properties; fluid statics, manometry, buoyancy, forces on submerged bodies, stability of floating bodies; control-volume analysis of mass, momentum and energy; fluid acceleration; differential equations of continuity and momentum; Bernoulli's equation; dimensional analysis; viscous flow of incompressible fluids, boundary layer, elementary turbulent flow, flow through pipes, head losses in pipes, bends and fittings.
- **Heat-Transfer:** Modes of heat transfer; one dimensional heat conduction, resistance concept and electrical analogy, heat transfer through fins; unsteady heat conduction, lumped parameter system, Heisler's charts; thermal boundary layer, dimensionless parameters in free and forced convective heat transfer, heat transfer correlations for flow over flat plates and through pipes, effect of turbulence; heat exchanger performance, LMTD and NTU methods; radiative heat transfer, Stefan-Boltzmann law, Wien's displacement law, black and grey surfaces, view factors, radiation network analysis.
- **Thermodynamics:** Thermodynamic systems and processes; properties of pure substances, behaviour of ideal and real gases; zeroth and first laws of thermodynamics, calculation of work and heat in various processes; second law of thermodynamics; thermodynamic property charts and tables, availability and irreversibility; thermodynamic relations.
- **Applications:** *Power Engineering*: Air and gas compressors; vapour and gas power cycles, concepts of regeneration and reheat. *I.C. Engines*: Air-standard Otto, Diesel and dual cycles. *Refrigeration and air-conditioning*: Vapour and gas refrigeration and heat pump cycles; properties of moist air, psychrometric chart, basic psychrometric processes. *Turbomachinery*: Impulse and reaction principles, velocity diagrams, Pelton-wheel, Francis and Kaplan turbines.

Applied Mechanics and Design
- **Engineering Mechanics:** Free-body diagrams and equilibrium; trusses and frames; virtual work; kinematics and dynamics of particles and of rigid bodies in plane motion; impulse and momentum (linear and angular) and energy formulations, collisions.
- **Mechanics of Materials:** Stress and strain, elastic constants, Poisson's ratio; Mohr's circle for plane stress and plane strain; thin cylinders; shear force and bending moment diagrams; bending and shear stresses; deflection of

beams; torsion of circular shafts; Euler's theory of columns; energy methods; thermal stresses; strain gauges and rosettes; testing of materials with universal testing machine; testing of hardness and impact strength.

- **Theory of Machines:** Displacement, velocity and acceleration analysis of plane mechanisms; dynamic analysis of linkages; cams; gears and gear trains; flywheels and governors; balancing of reciprocating and rotating masses; gyroscope.
- **Vibrations:** Free and forced vibration of single degree of freedom systems, effect of damping; vibration isolation; resonance; critical speeds of shafts.
- **Machine Design:** Design for static and dynamic loading; failure theories; fatigue strength and the S-N diagram; principles of the design of machine elements such as bolted, riveted and welded joints; shafts, gears, rolling and sliding contact bearings, brakes and clutches, springs.

Materials, Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering

- **Engineering Materials**: Structure and properties of engineering materials, phase diagrams, heat treatment, stress-strain diagrams for engineering materials.
- **Casting, Forming and Joining Processes:** Different types of castings, design of patterns, moulds and cores; solidification and cooling; riser and gating design. Plastic deformation and yield criteria; fundamentals of hot and cold working processes; load estimation for bulk (forging, rolling, extrusion, drawing) and sheet (shearing, deep drawing, bending) metal forming processes; principles of powder metallurgy. Principles of welding, brazing, soldering and adhesive bonding.
- **Machining and Machine Tool Operations:** Mechanics of machining; basic machine tools; single and multi-point cutting tools, tool geometry and materials, tool life and wear; economics of machining; principles of non-traditional machining processes; principles of work holding, design of jigs and fixtures.
- **Metrology and Inspection:** Limits, fits and tolerances; linear and angular measurements; comparators; gauge design; interferometry; form and finish measurement; alignment and testing methods; tolerance analysis in manufacturing and assembly.
- **Computer Integrated Manufacturing:** Basic concepts of CAD/CAM and their integration tools.
- **Production Planning and Control:** Forecasting models, aggregate production planning, scheduling, materials requirement planning.
- **Inventory Control:** Deterministic models; safety stock inventory control systems.
- **Operations Research:** Linear programming, simplex method, transportation, assignment, network flow models, simple queuing models, PERT and CPM.