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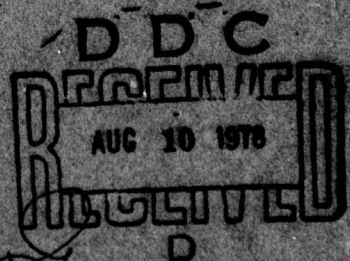
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## FOREWORD

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- A = Normalized damage fraction per thermal cycle (of motor or SEC) multiplied by a constant, min./cycle
- $A_s$  = Normalized damage fraction in failure testing of tensile specimen, dimensionless
- a = Inside radius of case-bonded grain, cm
- $a_T$  = Time-temperature shift factor, dimensionless
- B = Negative reciprocal of the slope of log true stress versus log time-to-failure, dimensionless
- b = Outside radius of case-bonded grain, cm
- D = Outside diameter of case-bonded grain, cm
- $E(1)$  = Tensile relaxation modulus at one minute at 25°C, MPa
- $E(t)$  = Tensile relaxation modulus, MPa
- $E_e$  = Equilibrium tensile relaxation modulus, MPa
- $E_{eff}$  = Effective biaxial tensile modulus at the inner bore of a grain, MPa
- $f_1$  = An empirical constant in the relation for  $a_T$ , °C
- $f_2$  = An empirical constant in the relation for  $a_T$ , °C
- K = An empirical constant related to the reduction in grain inner-bore strain due to propellant strain dilatation, dimensionless
- L = Length of case-bonded grain, cm
- N = Number of thermal cycles to failure at the inner-bore of a case bonded grain, cycles
- $\bar{N}$  = Mean or average number of cycles to failure in logarithmic distribution, cycles
- $\bar{N}_g$  = Geometric average number of thermal cycles to failure, cycles
- q = An empirical constant that accounts for strain softening of the propellant and for moduli gradients within the grain, dimensionless
- R = Ratio of log  $a_T$  at -40°C to log  $a_T$  at 60°C
- t = Time in relaxation, min.
- $t_{tm}$  = Time to  $\sigma_{tm}$  in constant rate tensile test, min.

## GLOSSARY (Cont.)

- $t_f$  = Time-to-failure under constantly applied stress, min.  
 $t_{fe}$  = Equivalent time-to-failure at a constant stress, derived from constant rate tensile data, min.  
 $T_L$  = The lower temperature limit in the thermal cycling of the test motor, °C  
 $T_{SF}$  = Grain strain-free temperature, °C  
 $T_u$  = The upper temperature limit in the thermal cycling of the test motor, °C  
 $V$  = The elastic component of the effective biaxial tensile modulus at the grain inner-bore, MPa  
 $W$  = The viscoelastic component of the effective biaxial tensile modulus at the grain inner-bore, MPa  
 $w_f$  = Web fraction of the case-bonded grain, dimensionless  
 $w_{fe}$  = An effective web fraction for grain with non-circular bore perforation, dimensionless  
 $\alpha_c$  = Thermal coefficient of linear expansion of case material, cm/cm/K  
 $\alpha_p$  = Thermal coefficient of linear expansion of propellant, cm/cm/K  
 $\epsilon$  = Strain in constant rate tensile test, cm/cm  
 $\epsilon_\theta$  = Calculated inner-bore hoop strain for a motor, cm/cm  
 (Calculated)  
 $\epsilon_\theta$  = Measured inner-bore hoop strain in a test motor, cm/cm  
 (Measured)  
 $\lambda$  = Elongation ratio in constant rate tensile test, dimensionless  
 $\sigma$  = Engineering stress in constant rate tensile test, MPa  
 $\sigma_0$  = The constantly applied true stress that produces failure at one minute at a test temperature of 25°C, MPa  
 $\sigma_t$  = True stress in constant rate tensile test, MPa  
 $\sigma_{tm}$  = Maximum true stress in constant rate tensile test, MPa

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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

↙  
The Structural Design Nomograph (SDN) is an analytical device for predicting the conditions for failure of tactical rocket propellant grains. The nomograph discussed in this handbook considers these failures to be the result of repeated thermal cycling (under conditions where stress-ratcheting is prevented). The most practical use of the SDN is as a preliminary design tool that permits rapid and inexpensive calculations by both chemists and engineers, from which they can assess the effects of design changes and variations in propellant mechanical properties. These analyses are relatively inexpensive since they can be performed about 20 to 50 times faster than the input time to the computer for the corresponding viscoelastic analyses. Also, no mathematical talents are required to conduct the nomographic analyses. They can be performed by non-engineering, non-mathematical personnel.

The nomographic analysis involves approximations to the highly sophisticated, linear, thermo-viscoelastic stress and damage analyses. ↗  
Although this analysis is an approximation, it has a major advantage over the computer analyses. The nomograph contains two empirical correction terms that account for real behaviors of solid propellant grains. These corrections account for strain dilatation (an increase in material volume as the propellant is stretched) and the associated softening of the propellant (as it becomes more spongy with strain).

The nomograph utilizes 11 independent design, test, and material property variables, plus the two empirical correction terms described above. This comes to a total of 13 independent parameters. This number

was obtained after specifying the case and grain density and thermal properties which were held constant, as were the case mechanical properties. The predictive method specifically accounts for cycling temperature limits, propellant tensile strength, relaxation modulus and  $a_T$ , the grain dimensions, inner-bore hoop strain and web fraction, plus the two empirical corrections mentioned above.

To simplify the motor testing, the SDN was built around a thermal cycling schedule with 24 hours at each storage temperature (a 48 hour thermal cycle). After two complete thermal cycles the motor is allowed to recover for three days at the upper storage temperature. This recovery step is required to reverse the stress ratcheting effect (grain stresses increasing from one cycle to the next) that occurs in most solid propellant grains. It is recognized that by this plan the larger motors (above 18 cm diameter) do not reach thermal equilibrium at the storage temperatures.

The layout of the nomograph requires six charts. This large number is required because of the complexity of the problem. The first four charts provide the determinations for the effective biaxial modulus. Chart one gives the elastic component of the modulus, while charts two and three together yield the viscoelastic component of the effective modulus. Chart four combines the two terms and accounts for the effects of thermal lag upon the inner-bore hoop strain. Chart five provides a simplified damage analysis procedure. The sixth chart provides the calculations and is a good summary of the overall problem. This chart is particularly useful in evaluating the effects of hypothesized variations in one or more of the independent variables.

The following three sections are designed to be a guide to the use of the nomograph. Section 2 defines the parameters required by the SDN, the minimum number of laboratory tests to obtain them, and how the parameters are obtained from laboratory data. Section 3 provides an example set of calculations on a real propellant. In the final section (Section 4) the nomographic predictions are assessed in terms of the nature and statistics of solid propellant failures.

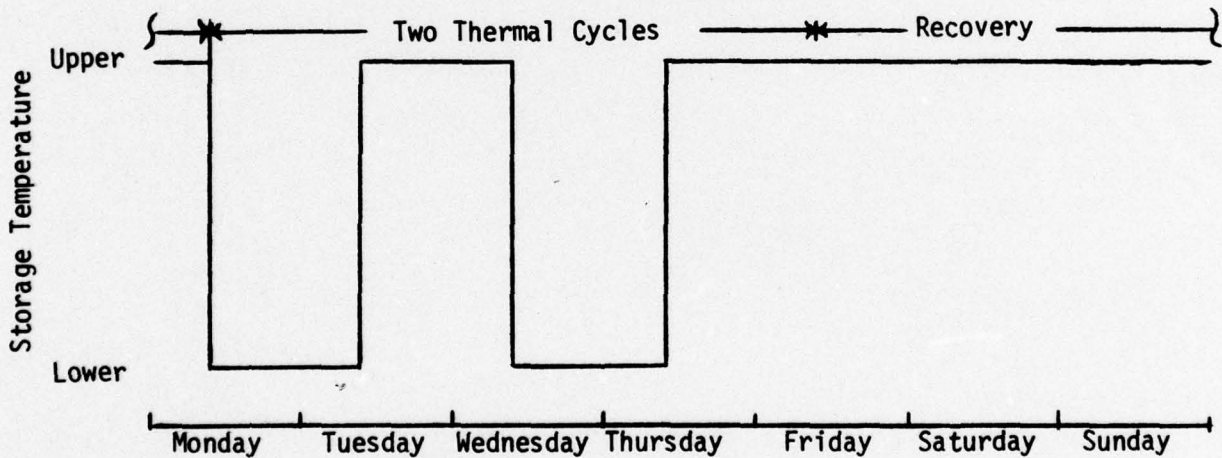
SECTION 2

PARAMETERS

The purpose of this section is to define the parameters of the nomographic analysis and, where appropriate, how they may be obtained. This begins with a summary of the testing constraints imposed upon the motor and a tabulation of the fixed parameters used in the SDN analysis.

A. CONSTRAINTS

All motor, or strain evaluation cylinder, testing must follow the thermal cycling test schedule given below for the nomograph to apply. The nomograph assumes circulating air ovens.



This plan produces only two thermal cycles per week, with 24 hours at the low temperature in each cycle. Of course, the days of the week when these two cycles occur are completely arbitrary.

The long recovery time (three days) at the high temperature is required to anneal any possible stress-ratcheting effect that might occur. Stress-ratcheting is an effect observed in solid propellants where the grain stresses increase significantly from one thermal cycle to the next (Reference 1). Experience has shown that this stress-ratcheting effect is readily annealed upon storage for a short time at high temperatures. This observation was the basis for the recovery period allowed after every second thermal cycle.

Because of the very strong effects of condensed water upon propellant surface failures, care must be taken to prevent frost from forming on the bore surface at low test temperatures, even while inspecting the motor for inner-bore cracking.

#### B. FIXED PARAMETERS USED IN THE NOMOGRAPH

A number of propellant and case parameters were fixed in the SDN analyses. These fixed parameters are considered to be typical of those of most of the tactical rocket motors and strain evaluation cylinders in use today. These fixed parameters are given in Table 1.

#### C. USER DATA NEEDS

The data required to conduct the nomographic analysis are tabulated and simply defined in Table 2. Four parameter types are listed, thermal environment, grain design, material properties, and empirical grain response data.

In addition to the definitions, this table also serves as an input data sheet for the nomographic analysis. The nomographs require SI units.

TABLE 1  
FIXED PARAMETERS USED IN NOMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS OF THERMAL CYCLING

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>SI Units</u>	<u>English Units</u>
Motor Case, Steel		
Case thickness	= $0.1758 + 0.03077b^*$ , cm	= $0.0692 + 0.03077b^*$ , in.
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion	$10.62 \times 10^{-6}$ cm/cm/K	$5.90 \times 10^{-6}$ in./in./°F
Density	$7.833 \times 10^3$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.2830 lb/in. <sup>3</sup>
Specific heat	$4.857 \times 10^{-2}$ J/kg·K	0.116 BTU/lb·°F
Thermal conductivity	$3.807 \times 10^1$ W/m·K	$2.640 \times 10^2$ BTU·in./h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F
Heat transfer coefficient	$10.20$ W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K	$1.797$ BTU/h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F
Poisson's ratio	0.30	0.30
Young's modulus	$2.096 \times 10^5$ MPa	$30.4 \times 10^6$ psi
Solid Propellant		
Density	$1.705 \times 10^3$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.0616 lb/in. <sup>3</sup>
Specific heat	$1.319 \times 10^3$ J/kg·K	0.315 BTU/lb·°F
Thermal conductivity	$4.847 \times 10^1$ W/m·K	$3.361$ BTU·in./h·ft <sup>2</sup> ·°F
Bulk modulus	$3.447 \times 10^3$ MPa	$5 \times 10^5$ psi

\* b is the grain outside radius

TABLE 2  
PARAMETERS REQUIRED FOR THERMAL CYCLING ANALYSIS

<u>Parameters</u>	<u>Definitions</u>	<u>Values</u>
<b>Thermal Environment</b>		
$T_u$	Upper temperature limit	°C
$T_L$	Lower temperature limit	°C
$T_{SF}$	Strain-Free Temperature	°C
<b>Grain Design</b>		
a	Inside radius of grain (strain-free)	cm
b	Outside radius of grain (strain-free)	cm
L	Length of case-bonded grain (strain-free)	cm
$w_f$	Web fraction of grain	
$\epsilon_g$ (Calculated)	Calculated maximum inner-bore hoop strain at $T_L$	cm/cm
<b>Material Properties</b>		
$a_T$	Time-temperature shift factor	°C
$f_1$	First constant in $a_T$ function	°C
$f_2$	Second constant in $a_T$ function	
B	Exponent in stress-time relation	
E(1)	Relaxation modulus at one minute at 25°C	MPa*
$E_e$	Estimate of equilibrium modulus	MPa
$\sigma_0$	Stress causing failure at one minute in constant stress testing at 25°C	MPa
$\alpha_p$	Thermal coefficient of linear expansion of the propellant	cm/cm/K
$\alpha_c$	Thermal coefficient of linear expansion of the case	$10.62 \times 10^{-6}$ cm/cm/K
<b>Empirical Grain Response Data</b>		
Subcalculation I: K		
$\epsilon_6$ (Calculated)	Constant defining bore strain reduction due to strain dilatation	
$\epsilon_6$ (Measured)	Calculated bore strain for SEC	cm/cm
Subcalculation II: q	Measured bore strain in SEC	cm/cm
$N_g$	Constant related to grain dilatation softening	
	Geometric mean cycles to failure of SEC's	cycles

\* Conversion MPa =  $(6.895 \times 10^{-3})$ (psi)

D. PARAMETERS AND OBTAINING THEM

The parameters are discussed under the four major headings given in Table 2.

1. Thermal Environment,  $T_U$  and  $T_L$

The motor is to be cycled between two temperatures, with  $T_U$  as the upper limit and  $T_L$  as the lower limit. The nomographic analysis assumes the motor thermal cycling to begin at  $T_U$  and to be in thermal equilibrium at that temperature. The motor is then shock cycled to the lower temperature limit,  $T_L$ , where it is held for 24 hours, then taken back to  $T_U$  for 24 hours, and so forth.

The values of  $T_U$  and  $T_L$  are to be established by the experimenter.

2. Grain Design

The grain design parameters are obtainable from two different sources: (1) from engineering drawings or reports; and (2) from direct measurements on the grain. The former source is required in the case of actual tactical motors with non-circular bore perforations. The latter measurements are normally all that is available for laboratory tests using SEC's. Recognizing the availability of engineering data in the first case and the need for it in the second, the following definitions are limited to those for the circularly perforated grain.

## a. Grain Dimensions: a, b, D and L

Figure 1 provides a schematic of the grain, which is assumed to be case bonded. Here, a and b are the inside and outside radii of the grain, respectively, while L is its overall length. The outside diameter of the grain is given simply as

$$D = 2b \quad (1)$$

b. Web Fraction,  $w_f$ 

For the circularly perforated grain the web fraction is obtainable directly from the grain dimensions according to the following relation

$$w_f = \frac{b-a}{b} \quad (2)$$

For non-circular bore perforations, the definition of a is modified to that shown in Figure 2. The effective web fraction,  $w_{fe}$ , in the star-perforated grain was studied by Fourney and Parmerter (Reference 2). They found that the propellant lying inward from the star tips contributed little to the grain stiffness, so the effective web fraction is only slightly larger than that given by Equation (2). The relation they derived could be approximated by the following equation.

$$w_{fe} = 0.949 w_f + 0.051 \quad (3)$$

Where  $w_f$  is obtained using Equation (2), with the values of a and b taken as shown in Figure 2.

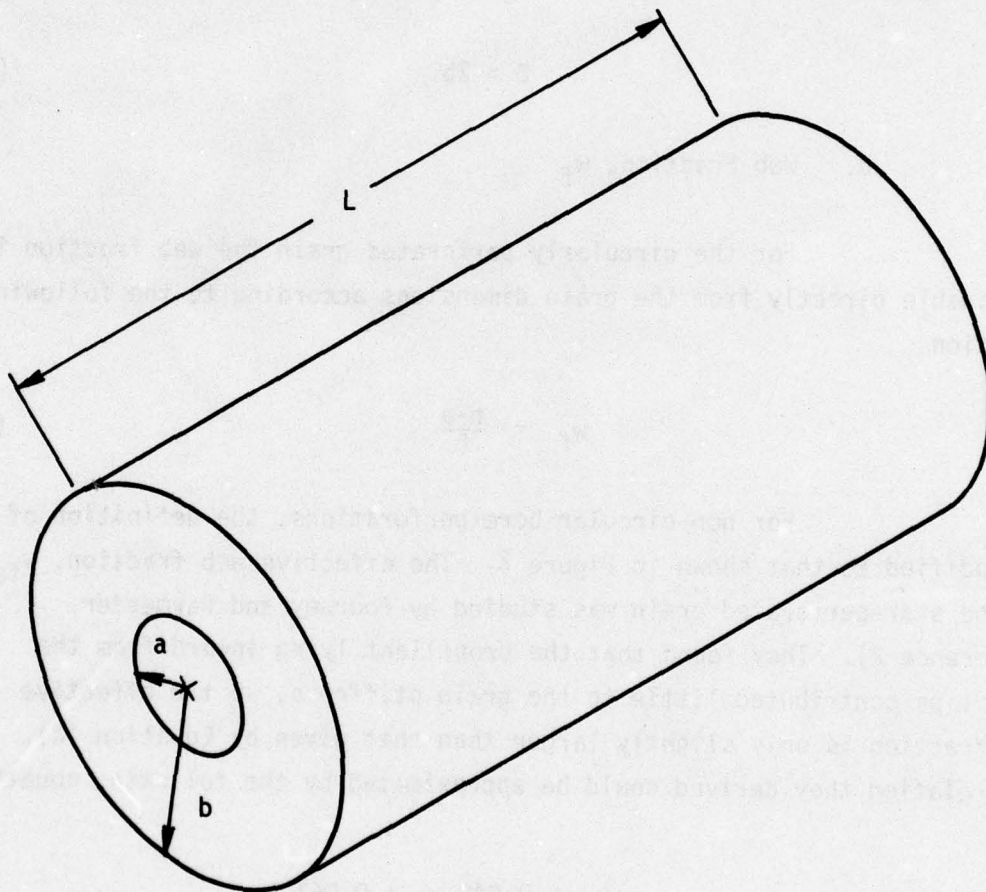


Figure 1. Base Dimensions to be Taken from Circularly Perforated Grain

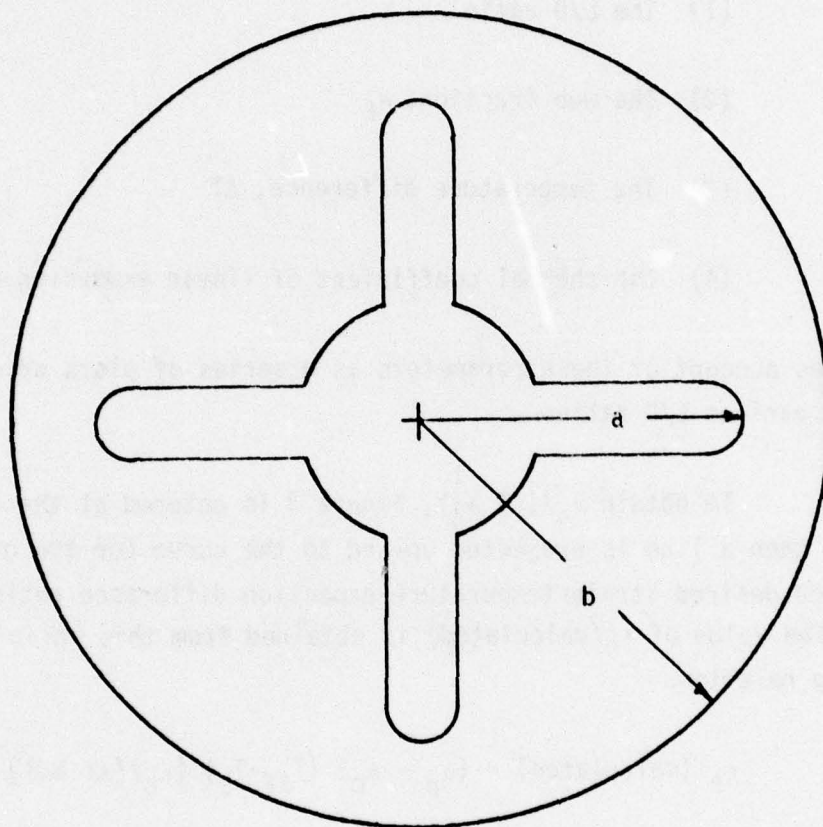


Figure 2. Base Dimensions of the Star-Perforated Grain

c. Calculated Inner-Bore Hoop Strain,  $\epsilon_{\theta}$  (calculated)

The calculated inner-bore hoop strain for a circularly perforated grain depends upon four primary factors:

- (1) The L/D ratio
- (2) The web fraction,  $w_f$
- (3) The temperature difference,  $\Delta T$
- (4) The thermal coefficient of linear expansion difference,  $\Delta\alpha$

Figure 3 takes account of these parameters as a series of plots of  $\epsilon_{\theta}/(\Delta T \Delta\alpha)$  versus  $w_f$  at various L/D ratios.

To obtain  $\epsilon_{\theta}/(\Delta T \Delta\alpha)$ , Figure 3 is entered at the appropriate level of  $w_f$ , then a line is projected upward to the curve for the given L/D ratio, and the desired strain-temperature-expansion difference ratio is read directly. The value of  $\epsilon_{\theta}$  (calculated) is obtained from this ratio using the following relation.

$$\epsilon_{\theta} \text{ (calculated)} = (\alpha_p - \alpha_c) (T_{SF} - T_L) [\epsilon_{\theta}/(\Delta T \Delta\alpha)] \quad (4)$$

where

$T_{SF}$  is the strain-free temperature for the grain, °C.

$\alpha_c$  is the thermal coefficient of linear expansion of the case material, cm/cm/K

$\alpha_p$  is the thermal coefficient of linear expansion of the propellant, cm/cm/K

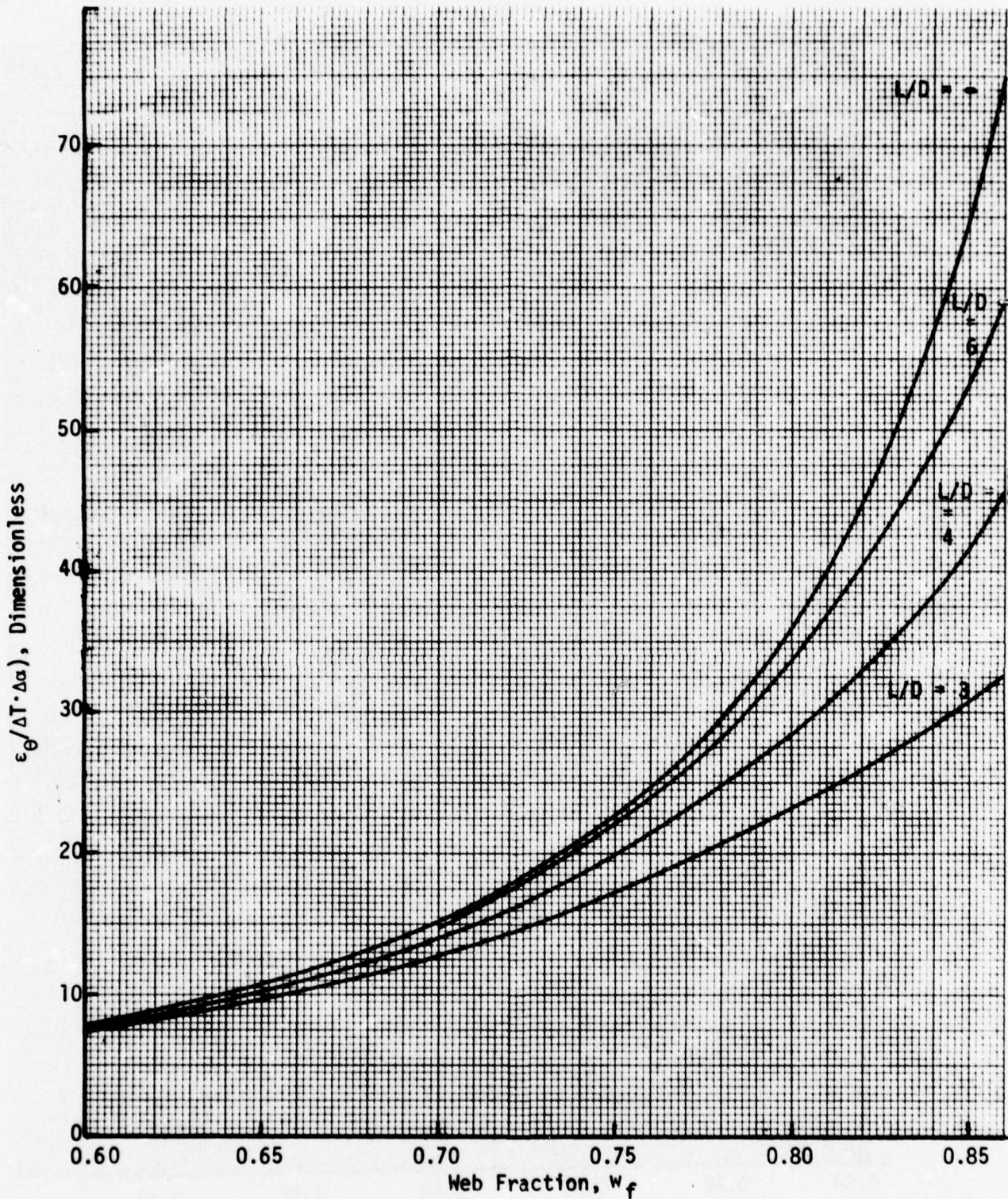


FIGURE 3a. INNER BORE STRAIN AS A FUNCTION OF WEB FRACTION FOR GRAINS WITH CIRCULAR PERFORATIONS

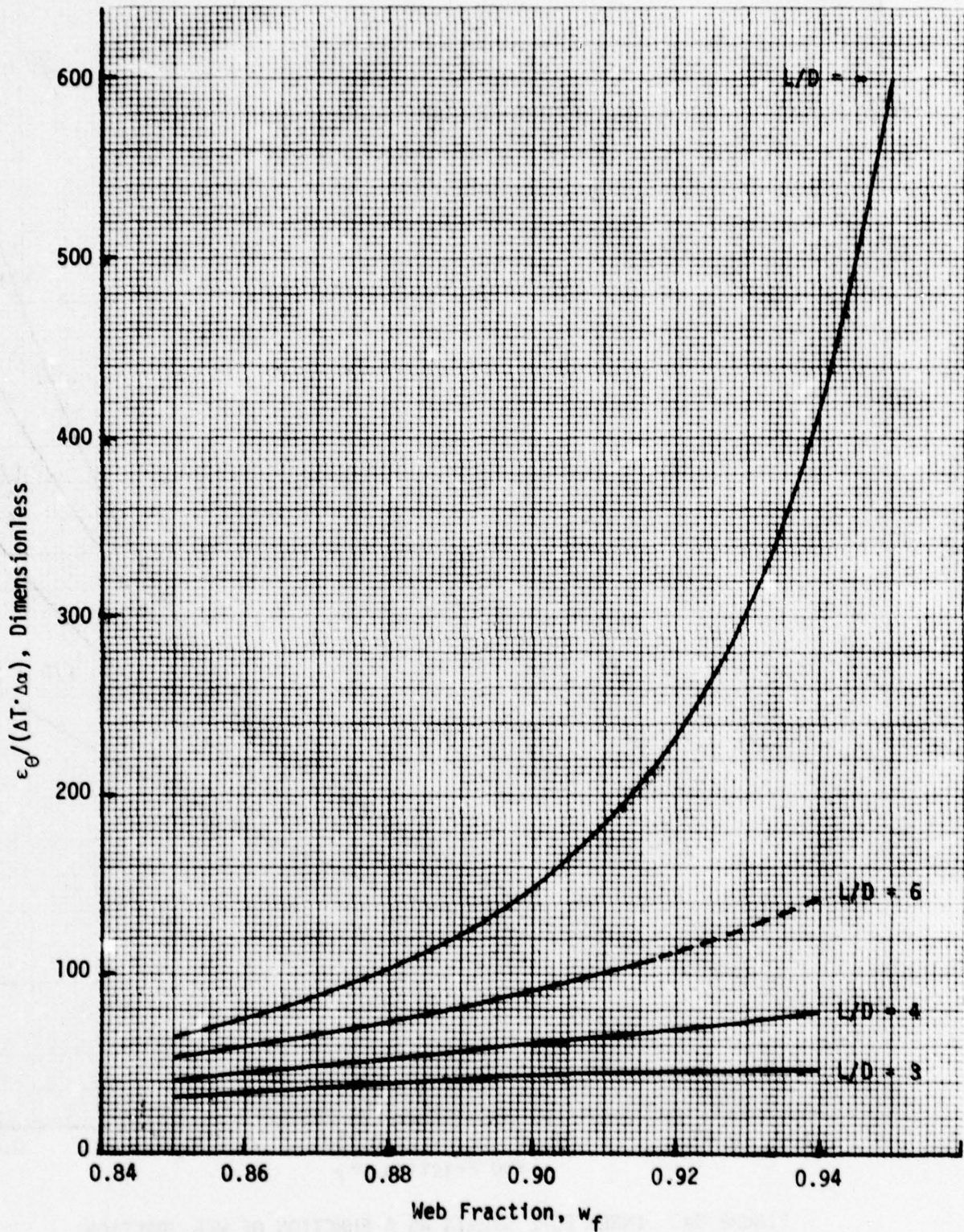


FIGURE 3b. INNER BORE STRAIN AS A FUNCTION OF WEB FRACTION FOR GRAINS WITH CIRCULAR PERFORATIONS

A sample calculation using this graph is given in Section 3.

3. Material Properties

a. Tensile Parameters B,  $\sigma_0$  and  $A_s$

These parameters are obtained from constant rate tensile measurements. They are to be obtained in the course of making the  $a_T$  determinations. The minimum number of tests required to define the parameters are tabulated below. Additional tests may be added as required to cover the range of motor test temperatures, or to better define the  $a_T$  curve.

<u>Crosshead Rates, cm/sec</u>	<u>Test Temperatures, °C</u>						
	<u>-40</u>	<u>-30</u>	<u>-15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>60</u>
$8.47 \times 10^{-1}$ (20 in./min.)	X		X		X		X
$8.47 \times 10^{-2}$ (2 in./min.)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
$8.47 \times 10^{-3}$ (0.2 in./min.)	X		X		X		X

X indicates tensile test to be performed in duplicate

The raw tensile data are reduced a little differently from the conventional approach in that true stress values are used.

The true stress,  $\sigma_t$ , is related to the engineering stress,  $\sigma$ , by the relation

$$\sigma_t = \lambda \sigma \tag{5}$$

where

$$\lambda = 1 + \epsilon \tag{6}$$

where

$\epsilon$  is the tensile strain that corresponds to the given  $\sigma$ .

The time to failure,  $t_f$ , is defined as the time that would be required to fail the specimen under a constantly applied true stress. It is related to the time to maximum true stress,  $t_{tm}$ , by the relation

$$t_f = t_{tm} A_s \quad (7)$$

where

$$A_s = \int_0^1 \frac{(\sigma_t)^B}{(\sigma_{tm})^B} dt \quad (t/t_{tm}) \quad (8)$$

The exponent B is obtained from a preliminary plot of  $\log \sigma_{tm}$  vs  $\log t_{tm}$  at 25°C. This exponent is the negative reciprocal of the slope of the line defined by these data. Taking two points on the line (identified by subscripts 1 and 2) yields the following relation for calculating B.

$$B = \frac{\log (t_{t2}/t_{t1})}{\log (\sigma_{tm1}/\sigma_{tm2})} \quad (9)$$

After the values of  $t_f$  have been estimated, separate plots of  $\log \sigma_{tm}$  versus  $\log t_f$  will be made for each test temperature. These data will be superposed to fit a straight line and to define the time-temperature shift parameter  $a_T$  (referred to 25°C), an example of which is given in Figure 4. This experimental value of  $a_T$  must be characterized further before it can be used in the nomograph (see below).

The shifted curve is used to obtain both B and  $\sigma_0$ . The relation for calculating B is the same as Equation (9), but using  $t_f$  data.

$$B = \frac{\log (t_{f2}/t_{f1})}{\log (\sigma_{tm1}/\sigma_{tm2})} \quad (10)$$

The quantity  $\sigma_0$  is the true stress at failure at one minute, as taken from the plot of  $\log \sigma_{tm}$  vs  $\log t_f/a_T$ .

Example determinations of B and  $\sigma_0$  are given in Section 3.

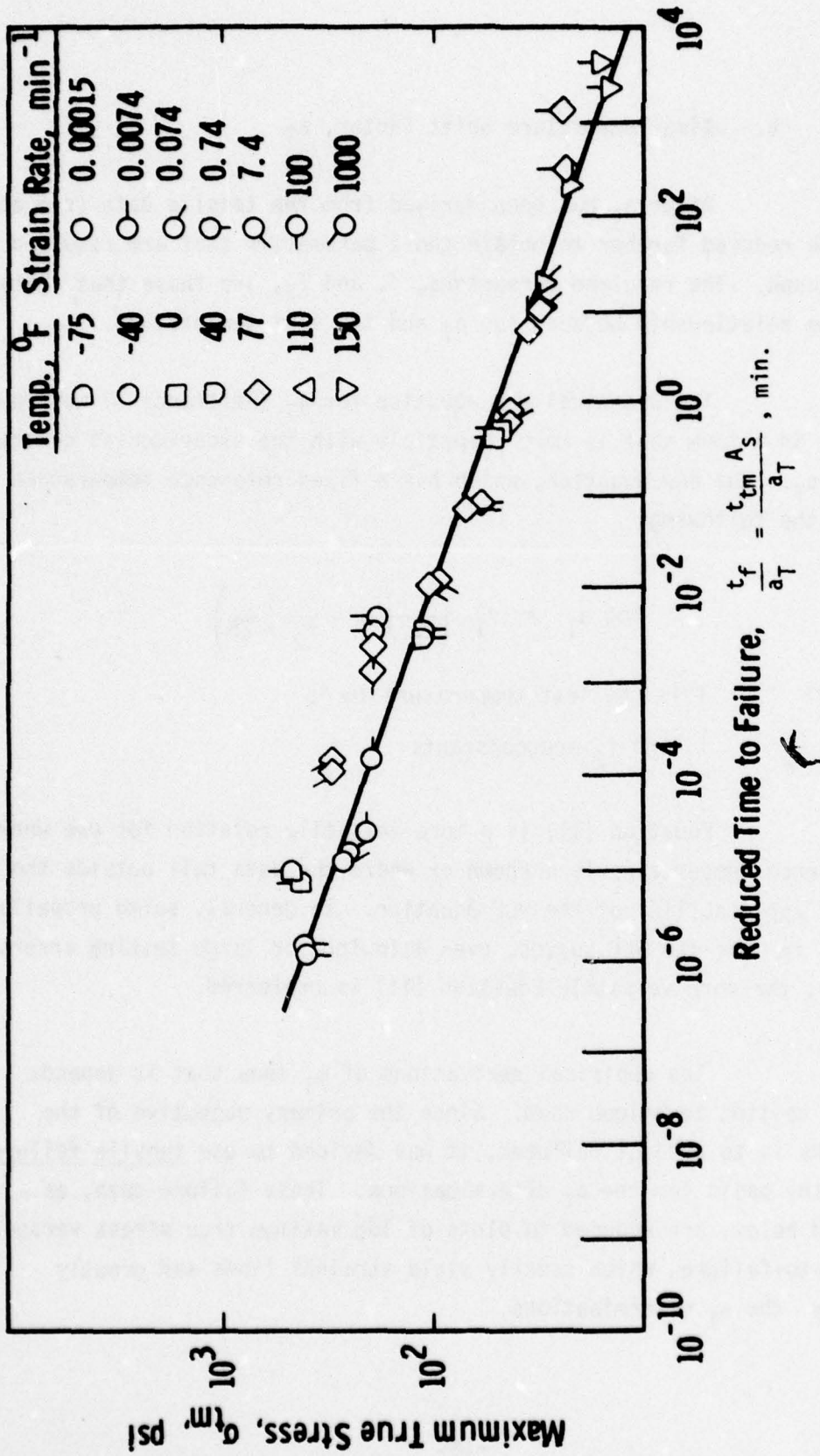


Figure 4. Maximum True Stress vs Reduced Time to Failure for ANB-3241-2 Propellant

b. Time-Temperature Shift Factor,  $a_T$ 

After  $a_T$  has been derived from the tensile data (see above) it must be reduced further to obtain those parameters that are required by the nomograph. The required parameters,  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , are those that characterize the relationship between  $\log a_T$  and the test temperature.

The classical WLF equation for  $a_T$  (Reference 3) was rewritten to put it in a form that is more compatible with the experimental determinations of  $a_T$ . The new equation, which has a fixed reference temperature of 25°C, is the following:

$$\log a_T = f_1 \left( \frac{1}{f_2 + T} - \frac{1}{f_2 + 25} \right) \quad (11)$$

where  $T$  is the test temperature in °C  
 $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are constants

Equation (11) is a more versatile relation for use where the reference temperature is unknown or where the data fall outside the limits of applicability of the WLF equation. In general, solid propellant data fall far off the WLF curves, even allowing for large testing errors. Therefore, the more versatile Equation (11) is preferred.

The empirical derivations of  $a_T$  show that it depends upon the testing technique used. Since the primary objective of the nomographs is to predict failures, it was decided to use tensile failure data as the basis for the  $a_T$  determinations. These failure data, as described below, are reduced to plots of log maximum true stress versus log time-to-failure, which usually yield straight lines and greatly simplify the  $a_T$  determinations.

The range of test temperatures must exceed that of the required analyses by at least 10°C and, in any event, must include determinations at -40°C and +60°C.

The values of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are obtained nomographically using Figures 5 and 6. The parameter  $f_2$  is determined first. This begins with the ratio,  $R$ , of the logs of  $a_T$  at -40 and +60°C.

$$R = \frac{\log a_T (-40^\circ\text{C})}{\log a_T (+60^\circ\text{C})} \quad (12)$$

The quantity  $f_2$  is determined directly upon entering Figure 5 at the given value of  $R$ .

After  $f_2$  is determined, the parameter  $f_1$  may be conveniently determined using Figure 6. The scale is entered at the value of  $\log a_T$  at -40°C, which is projected upward to the curve corresponding to the given  $f_2$ , then  $f_1$  is read directly.

The values of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  obtained in this way may lead to poor curve fits (of  $\log a_T$  versus temperature) at the intermediate temperatures. This results from the accumulation of errors in the superposition process. It is essential, therefore, that the  $a_T$  determinations be conducted with great care.

Examples of the determinations of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are given in Section 3.

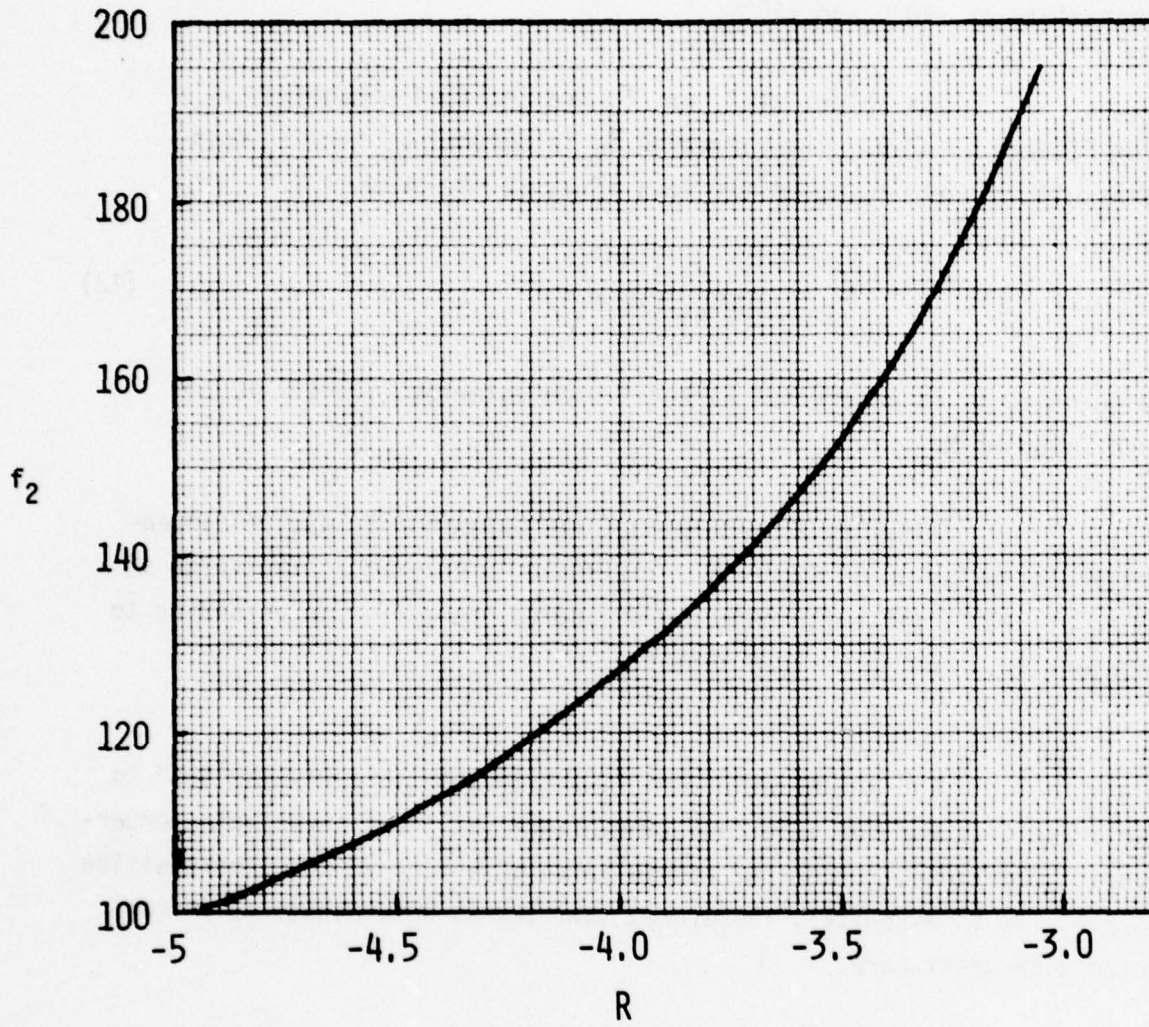


FIGURE 5. DETERMINATION OF THE  $f_2$  PARAMETER OF  $a_T$

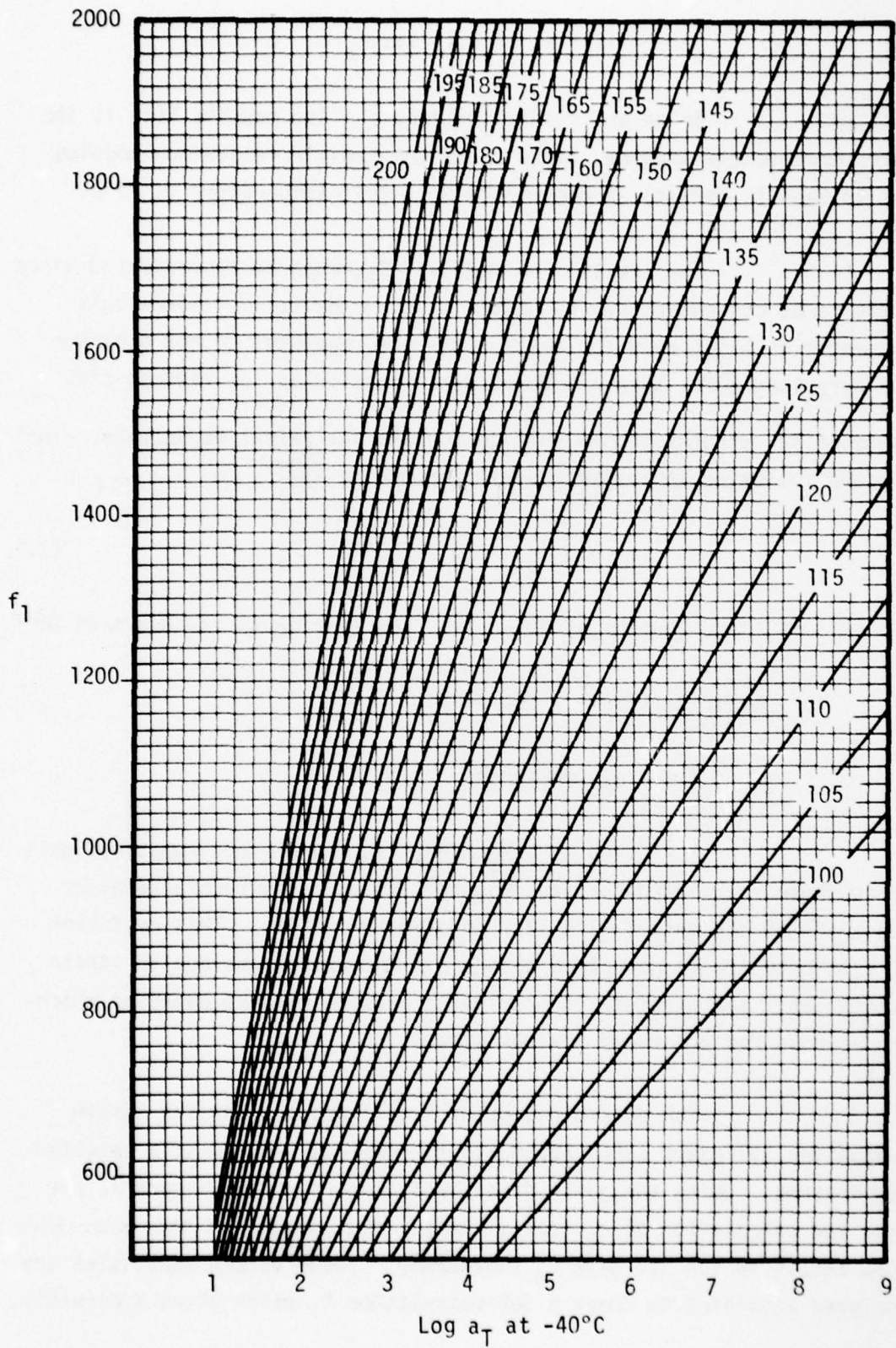


FIGURE 6. DETERMINATION OF THE  $f_1$  PARAMETER OF  $a_T$

c. Determinations of  $E(1)$  and  $E_e$ 

These are relaxation moduli. The modulus  $E(1)$  is the most conveniently handled, since it is the tensile relaxation modulus (at 2% tensile strain) at one minute at a test temperature of 25°C.

The equilibrium modulus,  $E_e$ , must be approximated since there is no convenient way to obtain it experimentally. Since this parameter is being used for tests where the responses do not continue for very long time, then a modulus determination in the reduced time range of  $10^5$  minutes should suffice for the analytical objectives. That is, the following approximation will be made

$$E_e \approx E \left( \frac{t}{a_T} = 10^5 \text{ min.} \right) \quad (13)$$

and this is to be done by stress relaxation testing for 50 hours at 60°C.

## 4. Empirical Grain Response Data

a.  $K$  and  $\epsilon_\theta$  (measured)

The measured bore strains in a grain are sometimes well below those calculated for it. Figure 7 illustrates such a behavior for a set of ten motors with 12.7 cm diameter grains. This deviation is attributed to large volume changes in the propellant due to strain dilatation. The parameter  $K$  provides a measure of that behavior which would hold for motors of various sizes.

The determination of  $K$  will usually involve strain evaluation cylinders (SEC) cooled to thermal equilibrium at a selected temperature. Using the grain dimensions, together with Figure 3, permits the calculation of  $\epsilon_\theta$  (calculated). Measurement of the inner-bore hoop strain in the SEC give  $\epsilon_\theta$  (measured). These strain quantities are analyzed according to Chart 6 Sub-calculation I, which gives  $K$  directly.

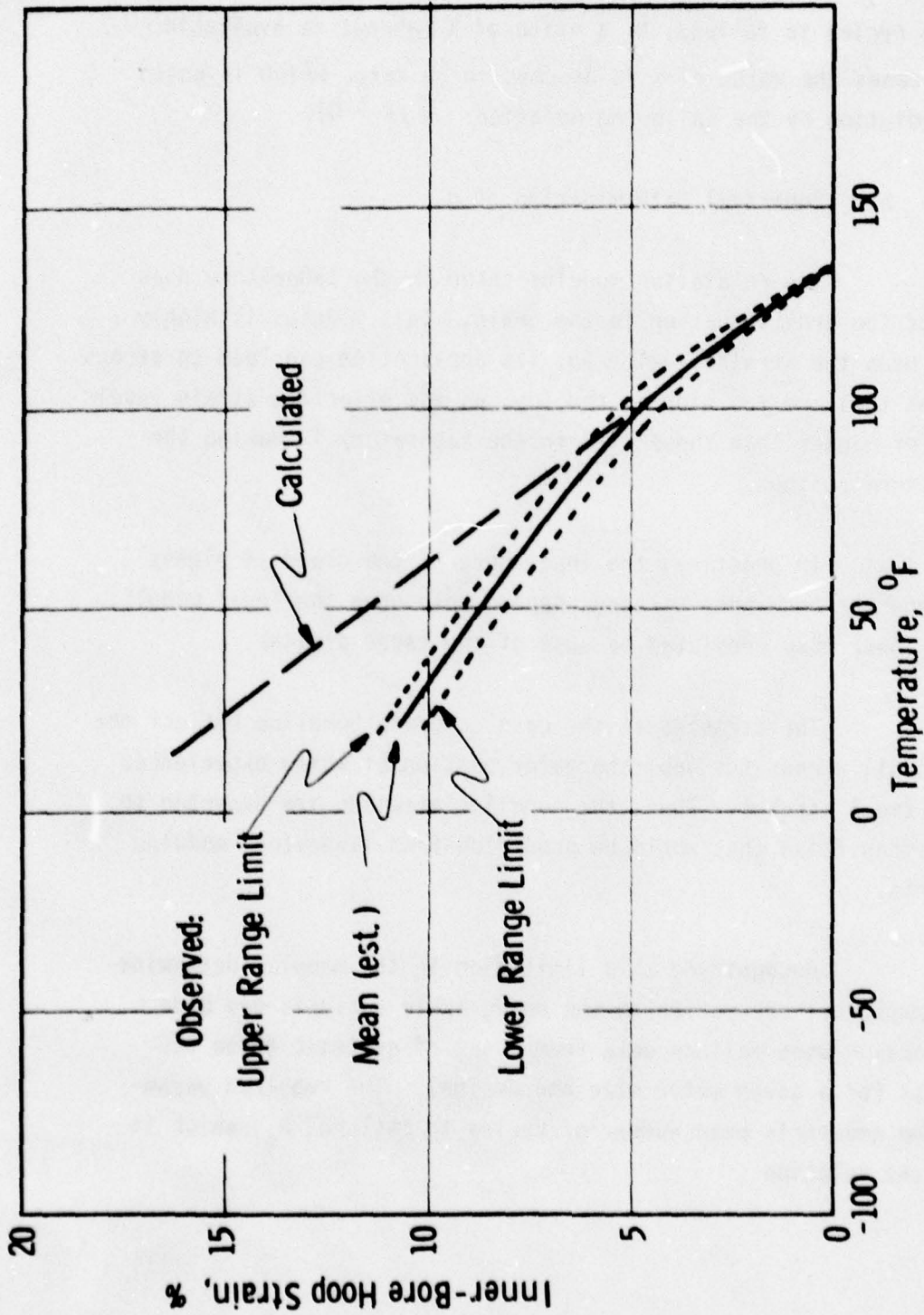


FIGURE 7. COMPARISON BETWEEN CALCULATED AND OBSERVED INNER-BORE HOOP STRAINS FOR TEST MOTORS STEP-WISE COOLED TO 20°F

A sample calculation of K is given in Section 3.

When making the nomographic predictions of the mean number of thermal cycles to failure,  $\bar{N}$ , a value of K may not be available. For these cases the value of K is assumed to be zero, which is noted in the prediction by the following notation:  $\bar{N} (K \approx 0)$ .

b. Empirical Determination of q

The relaxation modulus taken in the laboratory does not reflect the true situation in the grain. This modulus is highly dependent upon the strain level. So, its application can lead to stress predictions that are too high or too low, as the effective strain levels are lower or higher than those used in the laboratory in making the modulus determinations.

In practice, the inner-bore of the grain is highly strained and the bore hoop stresses depend only upon the local moduli, which are lower than predicted because of the large strains.

The stresses at the case-to-grain bondline reflect the average moduli across the web, the major portion of which experiences only very small strains. Thus, the bondline stresses are expected to be larger than those that would be predicted from laboratory modulus measurements.

Recognizing this limitation in the modulus determinations, an empirical correction to the nomographic analysis was made. This correction uses failure data from a set of at least three SEC motor tests (of a given motor size and design). The required parameter is the geometric mean number of cycles to failure,  $\bar{N}_g$ , which is given by the relation

$$\bar{N}_g = \left[ \frac{n}{\prod_{i=1} N_i} \right]^{1/n} \quad (14)$$

where  $n$  is the total number of tested motors and  $\prod$  means "product from multiplying each observed number of cycles".

The SEC design parameters, material properties and thermal environments, together with  $\bar{N}_g$  are analyzed according to Chart 6 Sub-calculation II. This analysis yields the required value of  $q$ .

A sample calculation of  $q$  is given in Section 3.

When making the nomographic predictions of the mean number of thermal cycles to failure,  $\bar{N}$ , a value of  $q$  may not be available. For those cases the value of  $q$  is assumed to be zero, which is noted in the prediction by the notation:  $\bar{N} (q \approx 0)$ .

SECTION 3

ACTUAL USE OF NOMOGRAPH

The nomograph itself consists of six charts, which will be used in the order given. Chart 2 is omitted if the motor radius is less than 9 cm (18 cm diameter). Also, chart 4 may be omitted when an additional factor of error of about 1.25 can be tolerated; as would be the case when evaluating the effects of material property variations.

Actually, the number of cycles to failure,  $N$ , in real motors follows a statistical distribution that is based upon the logarithm of  $N$ . Thus, by experience, a factor of error of two is often acceptable for preliminary assessments.

Example calculations using the nomograph are given below. These calculations are centered upon Sub-calculations I and II of chart 6, but they illustrate all of the steps that are to be followed in the use of the nomograph.

The example calculations involve RV-7 propellant in strain evaluation cylinders (SECs) that are 50.2 cm long with an I.D. of 1.91 cm and an O.D of 12.7 cm and thermally cycled between 60°C and -40°C. The propellant was cured at 57°C and has a strain-free temperature of 65.6°C.

The two subsections which follow summarize these calculations. The first sub-section summarizes the collection of the required design, test, and material property data that are required by the nomographic analyses. The last sub-section provides the example calculations using the nomograph.

## A. INPUT DATA

The required design, test, and material property data are summarized in Table 3. This table is the filled-in version of Table 2. Some of the required input data are obtained directly from the given parameters, but a few must be derived. The derived properties are discussed further below.

1.  $\epsilon_{\theta}$  (calculated)

The web fraction for this motor, according to Equation (2) is

$$w_f = \frac{6.35 - 0.953}{6.35} = 0.85$$

The L/D ratio is

$$L/D = \frac{50.2}{2 \times 6.35} = 3.95$$

The value of  $\epsilon_{\theta}/(\Delta T \Delta \alpha)$  is obtained for this motor as illustrated in Figure 8, on entering at  $w_f = 0.85$  and  $L/D = 4$ . This yields a value of 41.5 for  $\epsilon_{\theta}/(\Delta T \Delta \alpha)$ . The value of  $\epsilon_{\theta}$  (calculated) is obtained from this quantity using Equation (4), which becomes

$$\epsilon_{\theta}(\text{calculated}) = (9.72 \times 10^{-5} - 10.62 \times 10^{-6})(65.6 + 40) \times 41.5$$

$$\epsilon_{\theta}(\text{calculated}) = 0.379$$

2. Tensile Parameters  $\sigma_0$ , B and  $A_s$ 

The constant rate tensile data were reduced according to Equations (5) to (9) and yielded the tabulation in English units, given in Table 4. The tabulation includes the test temperature, crosshead rate, maximum true stress,  $\sigma_{tm}$ , the time-to-maximum true stress,  $t_{tm}$ ,  $A_s$ , and  $t_f$  (which equals  $t_{tm} A_s$ ).

**TABLE 3**  
**COMPLETED FORM OF TABLE 2 FOR RV-7 PROPELLANT**  
**PARAMETERS REQUIRED FOR THERMAL CYCLING ANALYSIS**

<u>Parameters</u>	<u>Definitions</u>	<u>Values</u>
<b>Thermal Environment</b>		
$T_U$	Upper temperature limit	<u>60 °C</u>
$T_L$	Lower temperature limit	<u>-40 °C</u>
$T_{SF}$	Strain-Free Temperature	<u>65.6 °C</u>
<b>Grain Design</b>		
a	Inside radius of grain (strain-free)	<u>0.953 cm</u>
b	Outside radius of grain (strain-free)	<u>6.35 cm</u>
L	Length of case-bonded grain (strain-free)	<u>50.2 cm</u>
$w_f$	Web fraction of grain	<u>0.85</u>
$\epsilon_\theta$ (Calculated)	Calculated maximum inner-bore hoop strain at $T_L$	<u>0.379 cm/cm</u>
<b>Material Properties</b>		
$a_T$	Time-temperature shift factor	<u>1980 °C</u>
$f_1$	First constant in $a_T$ function	<u>183 °C</u>
$f_2$	Second constant in $a_T$ function	<u>8.2</u>
B	Exponent in stress-time relation	<u>4.14 MPa*</u>
$E(1)$	Relaxation modulus at one minute at 25°C	<u>1.73 MPa</u>
$E_e$	Estimate of equilibrium modulus	<u>1.313 MPa</u>
$\sigma_0$	Stress causing failure at one minute in constant stress testing at 25°C	<u>9.72 x 10<sup>-5</sup> cm/cm/K</u>
$\alpha_p$	Thermal coefficient of linear expansion of the propellant	<u>10.62 x 10<sup>-6</sup> cm/cm/K</u>
$\alpha_c$	Thermal coefficient of linear expansion of the case	<u>0.25</u>
<b>Empirical Grain Response Data</b>		
Subcalculation I: K		
$\epsilon_\theta$ (Calculated)	Constant defining bore strain reduction due to strain dilatation	<u>.379 cm/cm</u>
$\epsilon_\theta$ (Measured)	Measured bore strain in SEC	<u>.33 cm/cm</u>
Subcalculation II: q		
$N_g$	Constant related to grain dilatation softening	<u>-0.95</u>
	Geometric mean cycles to failure of SEC's	<u>16.9 cycles</u>

\* Conversion MPa = (6.895 x 10<sup>-3</sup>)(psi)

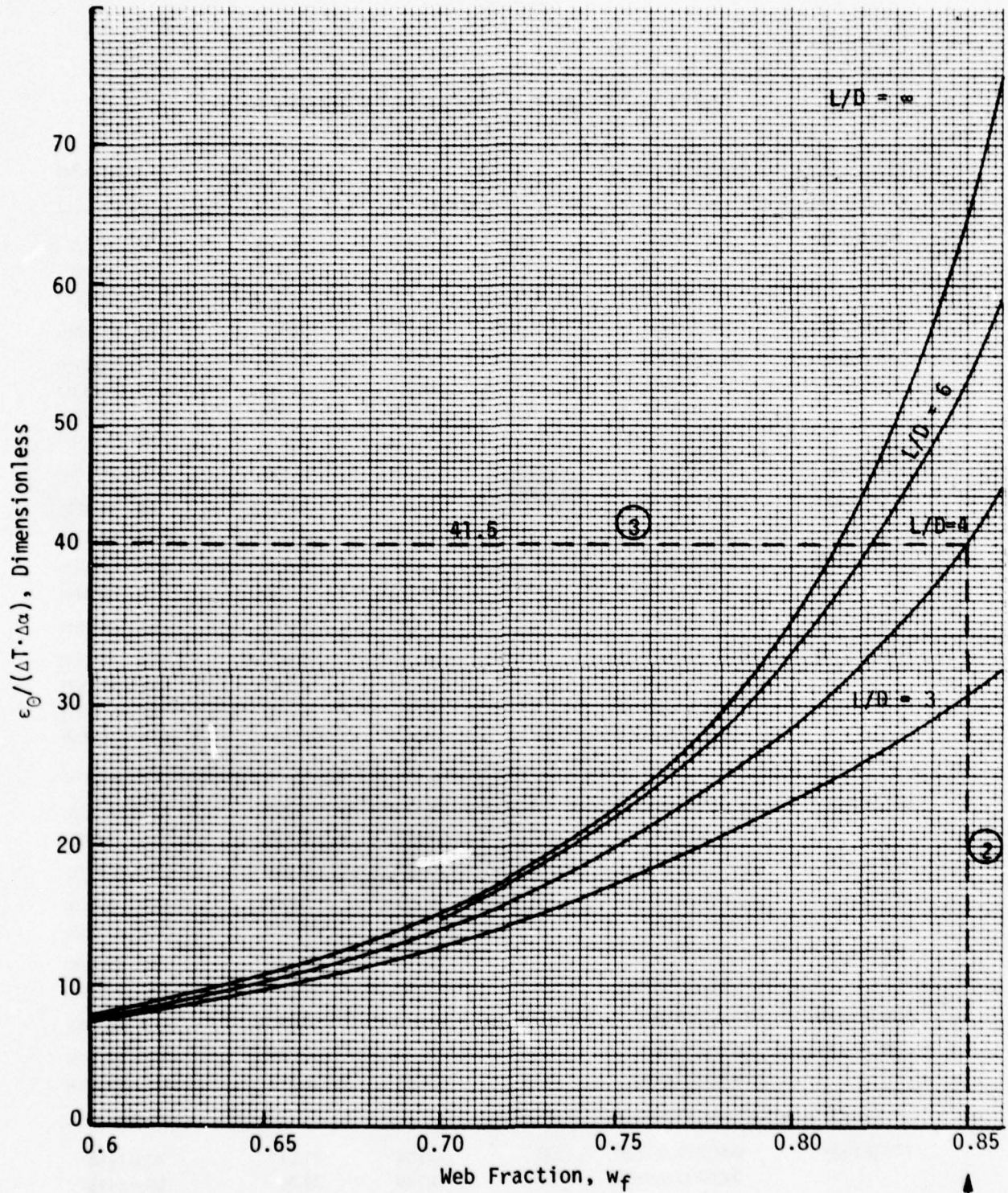


FIGURE 8. EXAMPLE USE OF FIGURE 3a. INNER BORE STRAIN AS A FUNCTION OF WEB FRACTION FOR GRAINS WITH CIRCULAR PERFORATIONS



TABLE 4. Tabulation of True Stress Failure Data for RV-7 Propellant (Mix 7374).

Temp., °F (°C)	Rate, in/min (cm/s)	$t_{tm}$ , min	$A_g$	$t_f = t_{tm} A_g$ , min	$\sigma_{tm}$ , psi (kPa)
First Data Set					
180 (82.2)	2.0 (0.085)	0.54	0.413	0.223	133 (917)
	0.2 (0.008)	4.72	0.300	1.414	102 (703)
	0.02 (0.0008)	33.8	0.200	6.75	83 (572)
135 (57.2)	2.0 (0.085)	0.608	0.253	0.154	163 (1 124)
78 (25.5)	20.0 (0.846)	0.081	0.310	0.025	307 (2 118)
	2.0 (0.085)	0.702	0.300	0.210	222 (1 531)
	0.2 (0.008)	6.08	0.248	1.506	178 (1 228)
	0.02 (0.0008)	54.0	0.328	17.7	138 (952)
40 (4.4)	2.0 (0.085)	0.716	0.208	0.149	316 (2 180)
0 (-18)	20.0 (0.846)	0.0742	0.278	0.0206	723 (4 988)
	2.0 (0.085)	0.81	0.286	0.232	503 (3 470)
-20 (-28.8)	2.0 (0.085)	0.608	0.305	0.186	629 (4 340)
	0.2 (0.008)	6.75	0.271	1.830	471 (3 249)
-40 (-40)	2.0 (0.085)	0.27	0.433	0.117	693 (4 781)
-65 (-53.8)	20.0 (0.846)	0.00648	0.414	0.00268	938 (6 472)
	2.0 (0.085)	0.115	0.403	0.0464	891 (6 147)
	0.2 (0.008)	1.485	0.391	0.580	751 (5 181)
	0.02 (0.0008)	27.0	0.434	11.72	667 (4 602)
Second Data Set					
165 (73.8)	20.0 (0.846)	0.0675	0.267	0.018	192 (1 324)
	2.0 (0.085)	0.54	0.252	0.136	143 (986)
135 (57.2)	20.0 (0.846)	0.0742	0.256	0.019	228 (1 573)
40 (4.4)	20.0 (0.846)	0.0878	0.214	0.0188	471 (3 249)
	0.2 (0.008)	7.763	0.232	1.803	268 (1 849)
0 (-18)	0.2 (0.008)	7.42	0.235	1.746	369 (2 546)
	0.02 (0.0008)	74.2	0.243	18.03	298 (2 056)
-20 (-28.8)	20.0 (0.846)	0.0405	0.343	0.0139	745 (5 140)
-40 (-53.8)	0.2 (0.008)	4.72	0.349	1.648	602 (4 153)
	0.02 (0.0008)	57.4	0.294	16.87	471 (3 249)
Third Data Set					
179 (81.6)	0.002 (0.00008)	235	0.154	36.21	70.8 (488)
	0.002 (0.00008)	239	0.140	33.39	69.4 (478)

The separate determinations of  $\sigma_0$ , B and  $A_s$  are illustrated below. The parameter B is readily determined from plots of  $\log \sigma_{tm}$  vs  $\log t_{tm}$ , or vs  $\log t_f$  (the plots vs  $\log t_{tm}$  are a little less accurate than those vs  $\log t_f$ ). The parameter  $\sigma_0$  must be obtained from a plot of  $\log \sigma_{tm}$  vs  $\log t_f$ . Thus, for illustration purposes we used the latter plot to obtain both B and  $\sigma_0$  (see Figure 9). The determination of  $A_s$  (see Equation (8)) is a little more complex and involves the steps illustrated in Figure 10. All three of these determinations are discussed below.

The illustrative plot of  $\log \sigma_{tm}$  versus  $\log t_f$ , after making the time-temperature shift,  $a_T$ , yielded the bi-linear curve given in Figure 9. This form of data plot, by past experience, usually gives a break in the curve at stress values above about 6.5 MP<sub>a</sub> (about 950 psi). This stress value is above any that would be met in service. Hence, that part of the curve is ignored.

The value of  $\sigma_0$  is 1.313 MP<sub>a</sub> (from  $\log \sigma_{tm} = 2.28$  or  $\sigma_{tm} = 191$  psi), which is taken at  $t_f = 1$  minute ( $\log t_f = 0$ ).

The value of B is obtained from this curve using Equation (10), which may be rewritten

$$B = \frac{\log t_{f2} - \log t_{f1}}{\log \sigma_{tm1} - \log \sigma_{tm2}} \quad (15)$$

For this curve,

$$B = \frac{-7-3}{1.915 - 3.135} = \frac{-10}{-1.22}$$

$$B = 8.2$$

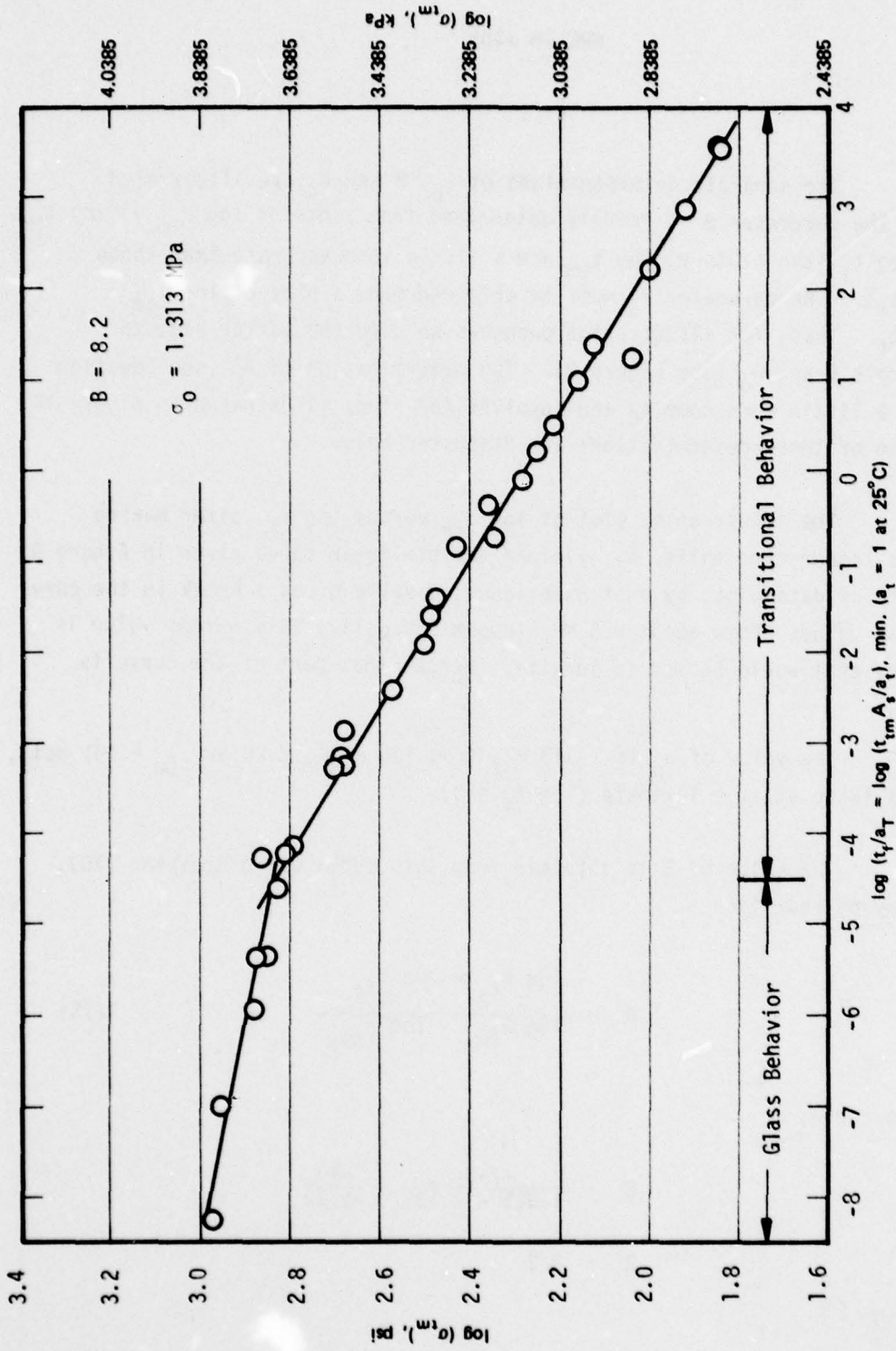


FIGURE 9. TRUE MAXIMUM STRESS VERSUS TIME TO FAILURE FOR RV-7 PROPELLANT (MIX 7374)

The determination of  $A_s$  involves the three steps shown in Figure 10. The basic engineering stress-time curve (Figure 10a) is corrected according to Equations (5) and (6) to give the true stress-time curve illustrated in Figure 10b. From this plot we obtain  $\sigma_{tm}$  and  $t_{tm}$ . The stress data are reduced (using the given value of B) to give  $(\sigma_t/\sigma_{tm})^B$ , which is plotted versus  $t_{tm}$  in Figure 10c. The integration of the shaded area may be performed graphically, with a planimeter, by calculation, or gravimetrically (a simple process of cutting out and weighing the paper of the outlined unit square, then cutting out and weighing the shaded area. The ratio of the weight of the paper for the shaded area to that of the unit square is numerically equal to  $A_s$ ).

### 3. Time-Temperature Shift Factor, $a_T$

The time-temperature shift factors for the tensile data of Figure 9 are plotted as  $\log a_T$  vs temperature in Figure 11.

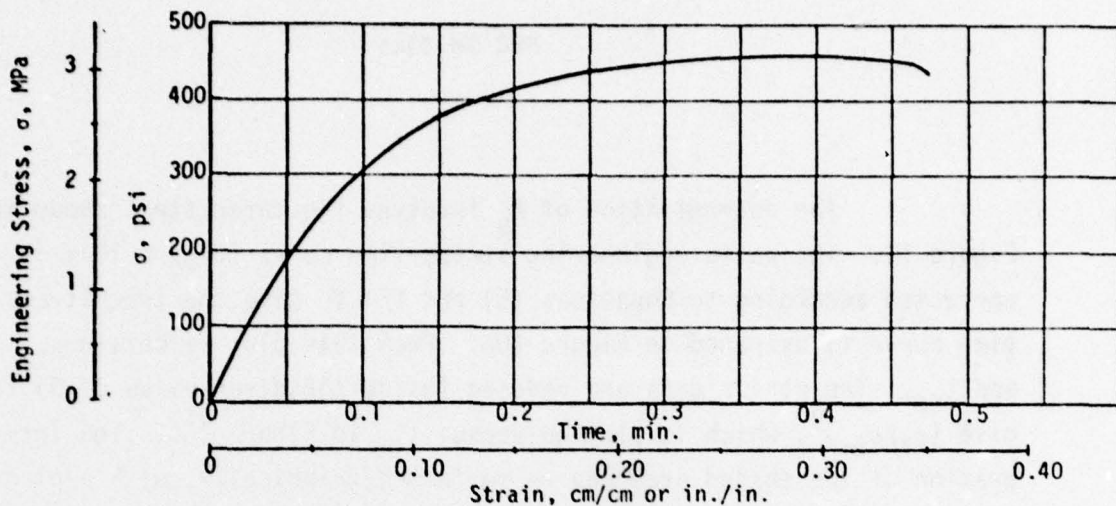
The nomograph does not use the  $a_T$  values directly. Instead, it is necessary to derive the parameters  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ . The determination of  $f_2$  involves the ratio R, see Equation (12), where

$$R = \frac{\log a_T (-40^\circ\text{C})}{\log a_T (+60^\circ\text{C})}$$

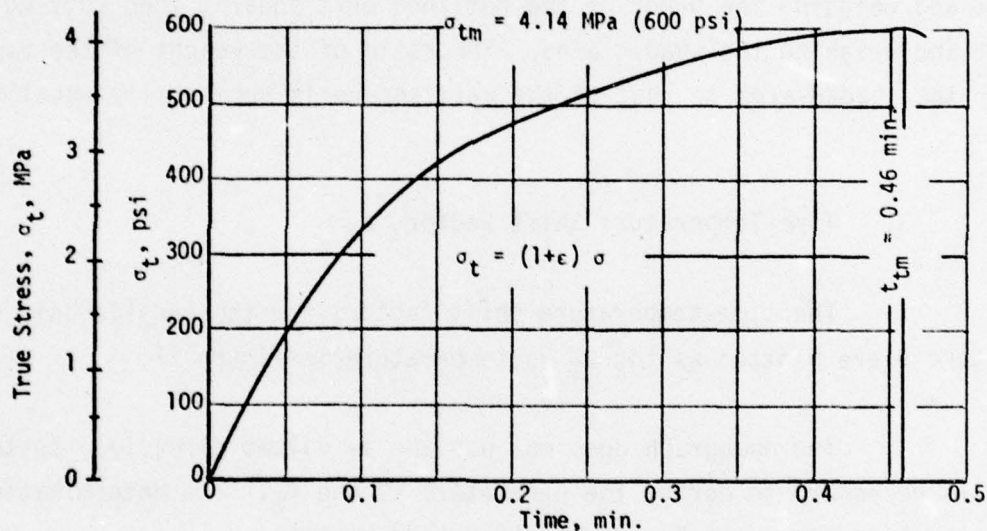
From Figure 11,

$$R = 4.35/-1.38$$

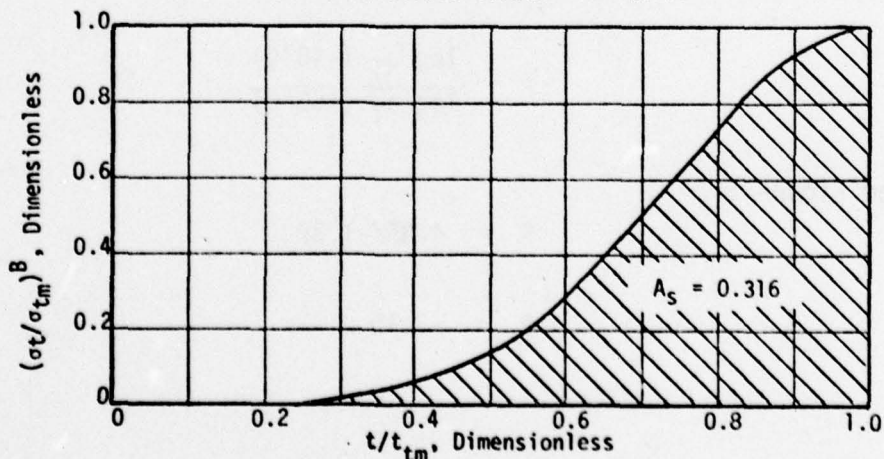
$$R = -3.15$$



a. Engineering Stress-Strain (-Time) Curve



b. True Stress versus Time Curve



c. Normalized Stress versus Normalized Time

FIGURE 10. STEPS IN DETERMINING  $A_s$  FROM SIMPLE TENSILE DATA

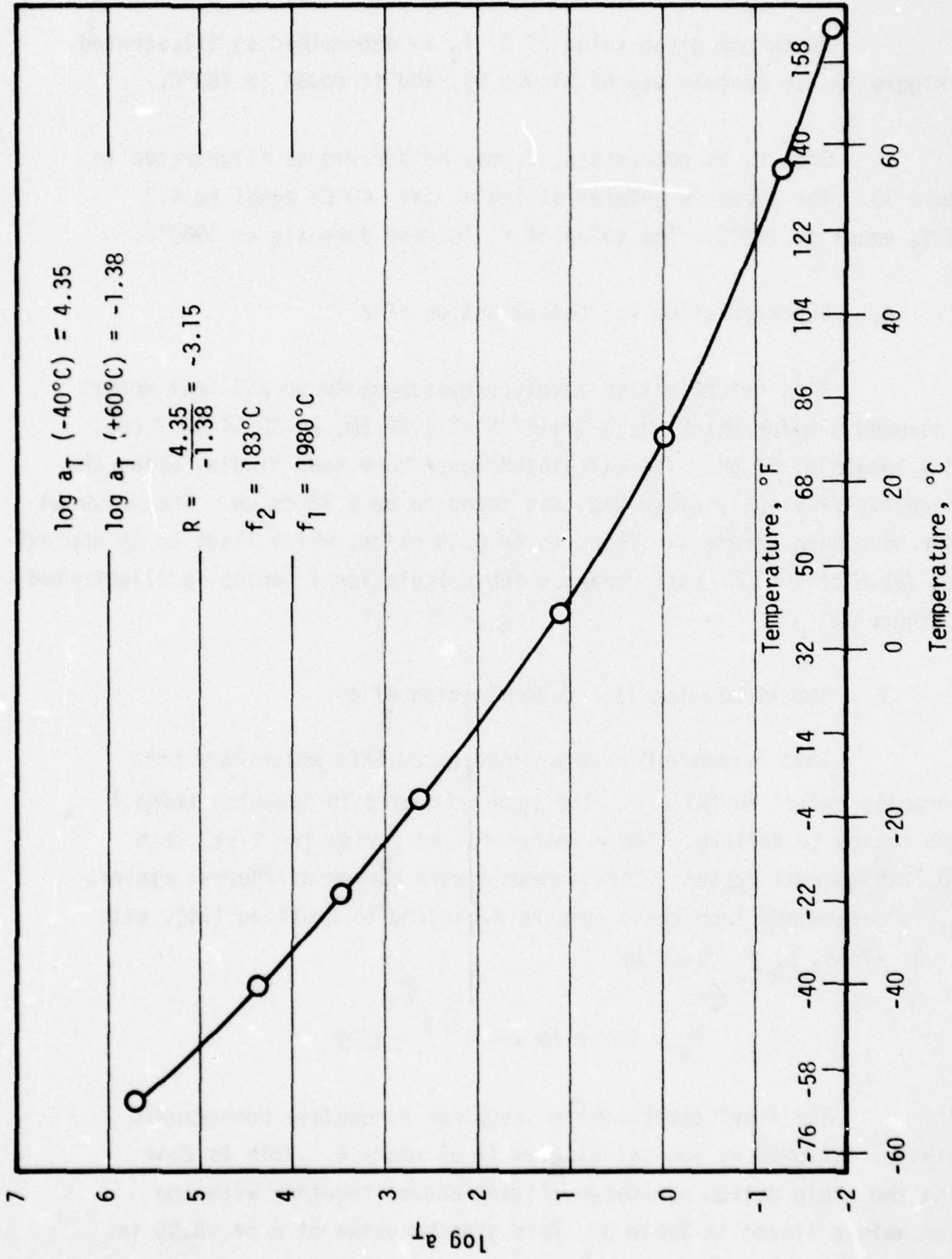


FIGURE T1. EMPIRICAL CURVE FOR  $\log a_T$  VS TEST TEMPERATURE  
FOR RV-7 PROPELLANT (MIX 7374)

Using the given value of  $R$ ,  $f_2$  is determined as illustrated in Figure 12 (an example use of Figure 5), and is equal to 183°C.

Once  $f_2$  is determined,  $f_1$  may be derived as illustrated in Figure 13. The curve is entered at  $\log a_T$  (at -40°C) equal to 4.3 and  $f_2$  equal to 183°C. The value of  $f_1$  is read directly as 1980°C.

#### 4. Subcalculation I: Determination of $K$

This determination involves measurements on SEC test motors. We assumed a motor which has a grain ID of 1.90 cm, an OD of 12.7 cm, and a length of 50 cm. The calculated inner-bore hoop strain, using the procedures previously described, was found to be 0.38 cm/cm. The measured inner-bore hoop strain was found to be 0.33 cm/cm, which leads to an approximate value of  $K = .25$  using chart 6 Sub-Calculation I (which is illustrated in Figure 18).

#### 5. Subcalculation II: Determination of $q$

This parameter is determined using SECs which have been thermally cycled to failure. The same SECs used in Subcalculation I were tested to failure. These motors failed during the 21st, 16th and 12th thermal cycles. The geometric mean number of thermal cycles,  $\bar{N}_g$ , is determined from these numbers according to Equation (14), with  $n = 3$ . Thus,  $\bar{N}_g$  is given by

$$\bar{N}_g = (21 \times 16 \times 12)^{1/3} = 15.9$$

The final determination requires a complete nomographic analysis, followed by Sub-Calculation II on chart 6. This is done using the grain design parameters listed above, together with the other values listed in Table 3. This gives a value of  $q$  of -0.95 in. in Figure 18.

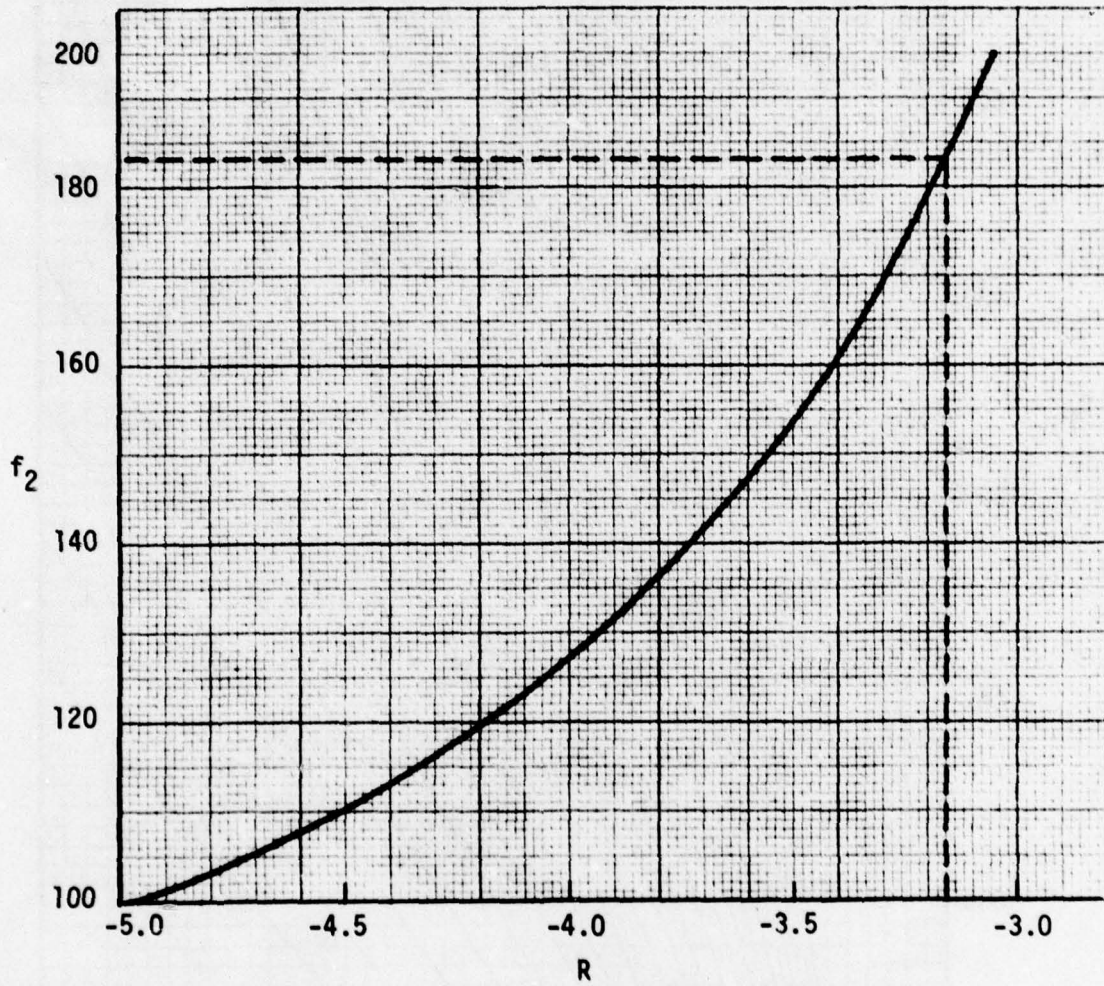


FIGURE 12. EXAMPLE USE OF  
FIGURE 5. DETERMINATION OF THE  $f_2$  PARAMETER OF  $a_T$

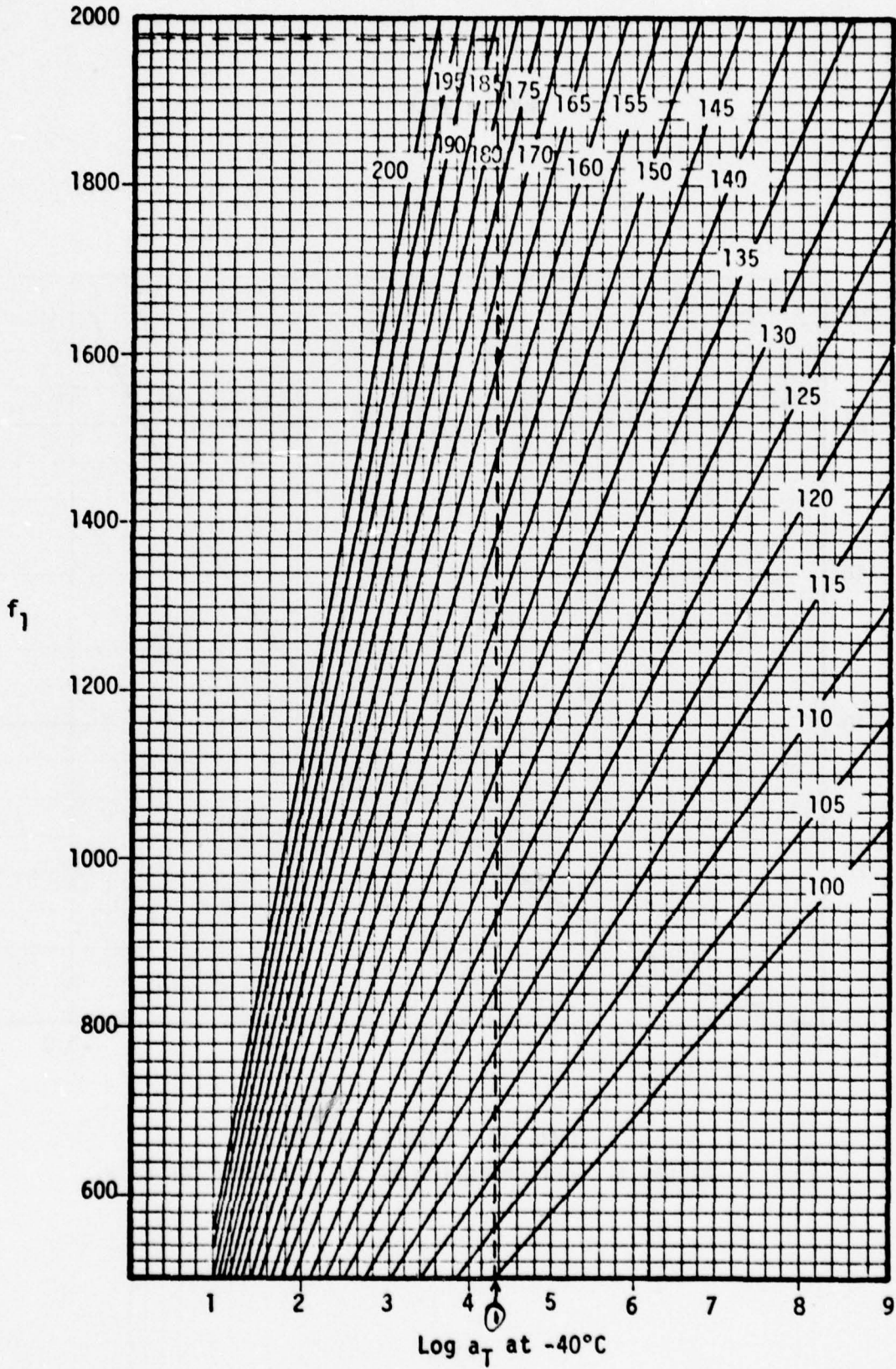


FIGURE 13. DETERMINATION OF THE  $f_1$  PARAMETER OF  $a_T$

B. EXAMPLE USE OF THE NOMOGRAPH

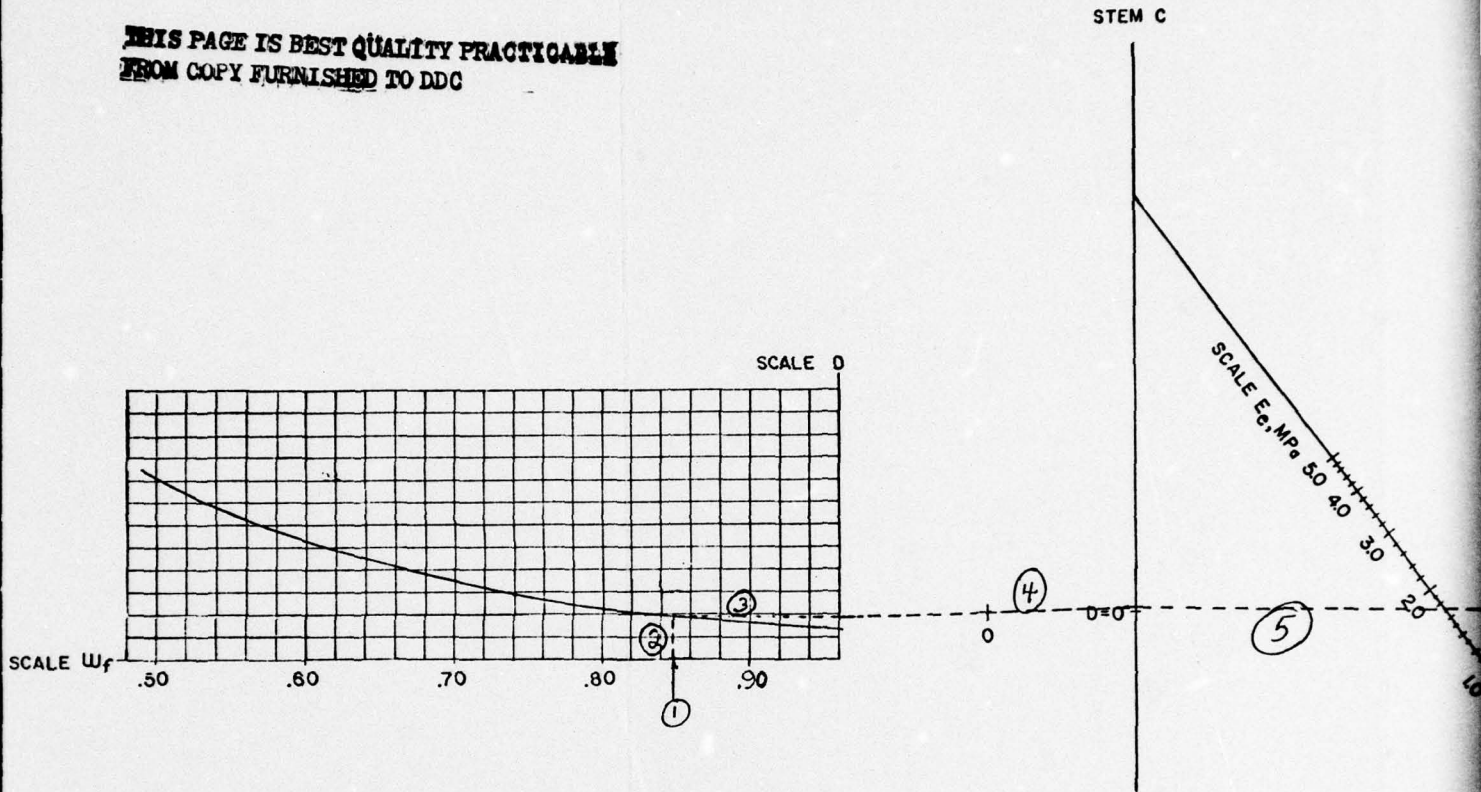
The test case listed in Table 3 was analyzed nomographically as illustrated in Figures 14 to 19. In this example the calculations are shown as dashed lines, with each step numbered according to the directions on each chart.

Chart No. 2 was included in the analysis to demonstrate its use. Actually, the calculated value of  $\delta$  was too small to be of any interest.

A prediction is not actually demonstrated in the sample but would follow a similar route through the nomograph pages except that K and q would be as determined in the sample if RV-7 propellant were to be predicted in some other size SEC or motor.

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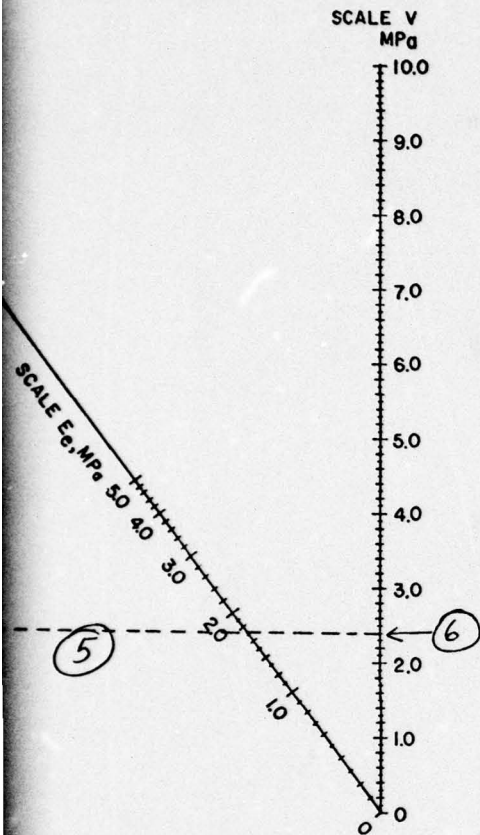
1. ENTER AT GIVEN VALUE ON  $W_f$  SCALE
2. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE CURVE
3. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE D SCALE
4. CONNECT THIS INTERSECTION ON THE D SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE TO POINT "0" ON THE HORIZONTAL DASHED LINE WHICH INTERSECTS THE STEM C AT POINT C.  
 • IF THE VALUE OF D IS ZERO THEN STEP 4 MAY BE BY-PASSED BY MARKING D=0 ON THE STEM C.
5. FROM THE INTERSECTION POINT ON THE D SCALE DRAW A LINE TO THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE  $E_c$  SCALE
6. THIS INTERSECTION PROVIDES THE ANSWER TO THE ANALYSES OF CHART 4. NOTE THE

Figure 14

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. LOCATE THE GIVEN VALUE ON  $\omega_f$  SCALE.

2. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE CURVE.


3. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE PARALLEL TO THE GRID UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE D SCALE.

4. CONNECT THIS INTERSECTION ON THE D SCALE AND THE CENTER OF THE CROSS AT POINT "O" WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS STRAIGHT LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE STEM C AT POINT c.

5. IF THE VALUE OF D IS ZERO OR NEGLIGIBLE (CLOSE TO OR AT THE BASE LINE) THEN STEP 4 MAY BE BY-PASSED AND STEP 5 WOULD BEGIN AT THE POINT MARKED D=0 ON THE STEM C.

6. FROM THE INTERSECTION POINT c ON THE STEM C EXTEND A LINE THROUGH THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE  $E_e$  SCALE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE V SCALE.

7. THIS INTERSECTION PROVIDES THE VALUE OF V WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR THE ANALYSES OF CHART 4. NOTE THIS QUANTITY ON THAT CHART.

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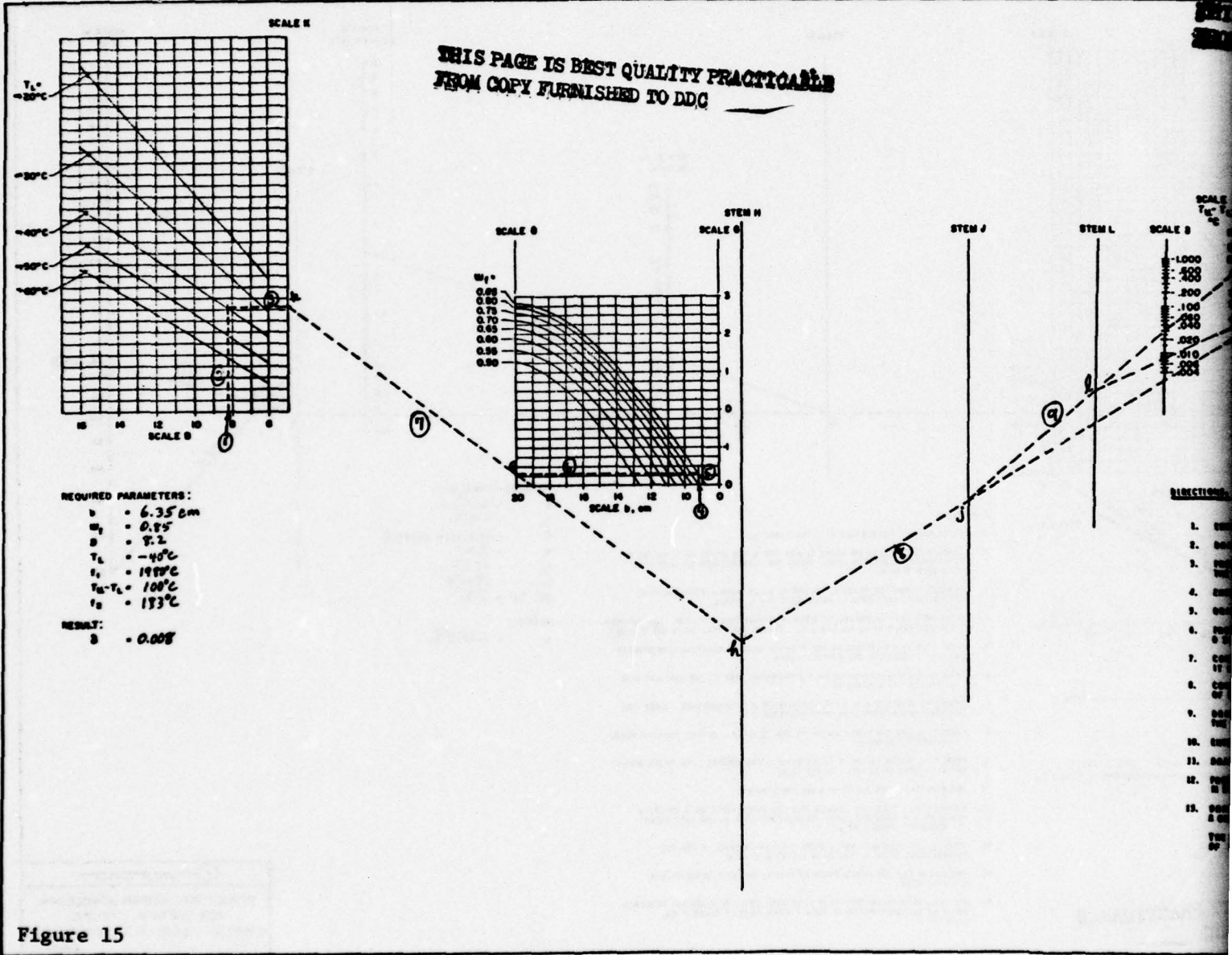
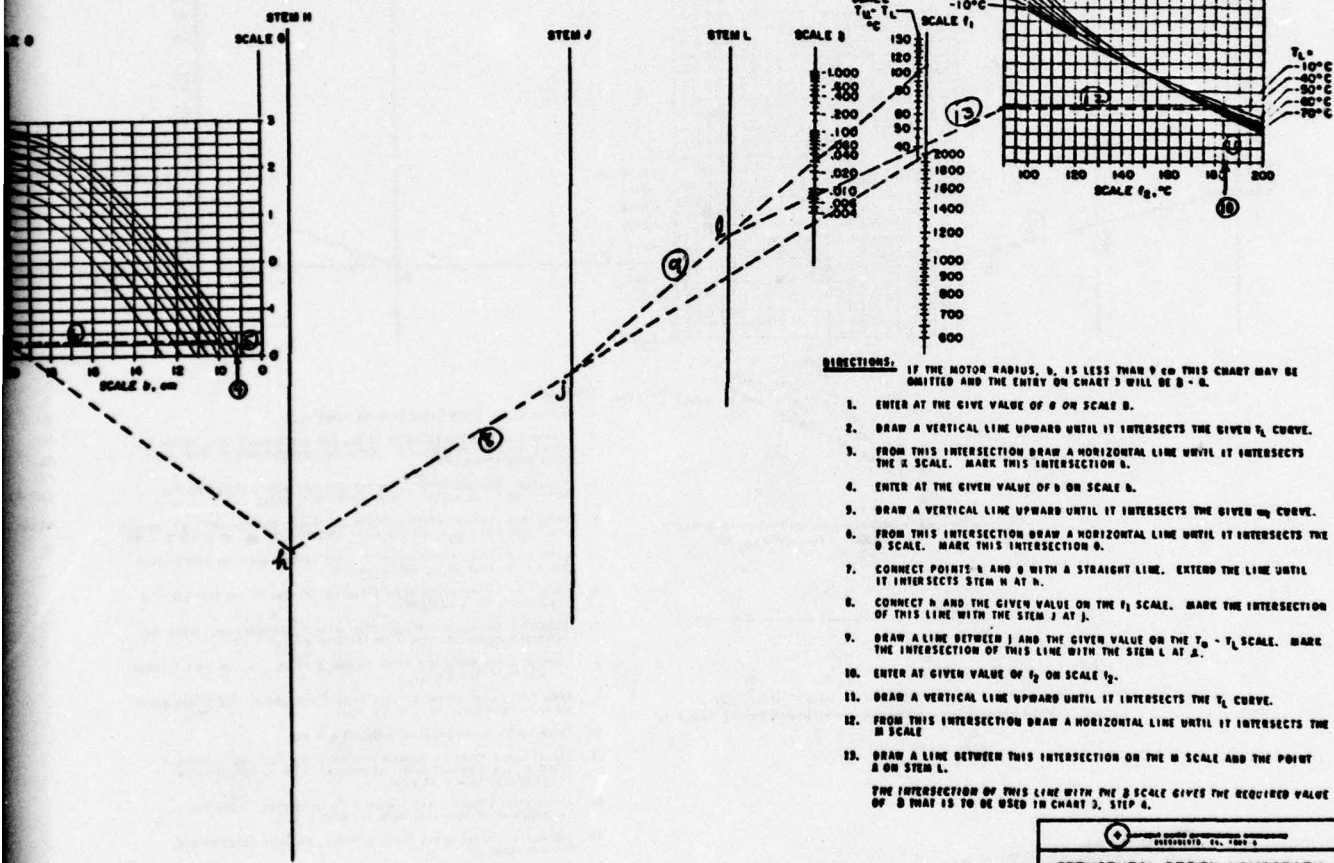


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**DIRECTIONS:** IF THE MOTOR RADIUS,  $d$ , IS LESS THAN 9 IN THIS CHART MAY BE OMITTED AND THE ENTRY ON CHART 3 WILL BE  $D - d$ .

1. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $d$  ON SCALE  $D$ .
2. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN  $f_1$  CURVE.
3. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $X$  SCALE. MARK THIS INTERSECTION  $B$ .
4. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $d$  ON SCALE  $D$ .
5. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN  $f_2$  CURVE.
6. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $Y$  SCALE. MARK THIS INTERSECTION  $C$ .
7. CONNECT POINTS  $B$  AND  $C$  WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS STEM  $H$  AT  $H$ .
8. CONNECT  $H$  AND THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE  $f_1$  SCALE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM  $J$  AT  $J$ .
9. DRAW A LINE BETWEEN  $J$  AND THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE  $T_u - T_l$  SCALE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM  $L$  AT  $A$ .
10. ENTER AT GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_2$  ON SCALE  $f_2$ .
11. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $f_1$  CURVE.
12. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $M$  SCALE.
13. DRAW A LINE BETWEEN THIS INTERSECTION ON THE  $M$  SCALE AND THE POINT  $A$  ON STEM  $L$ .

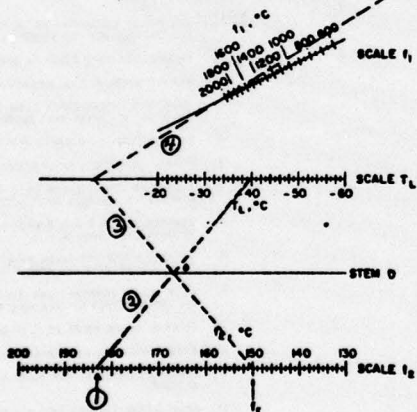
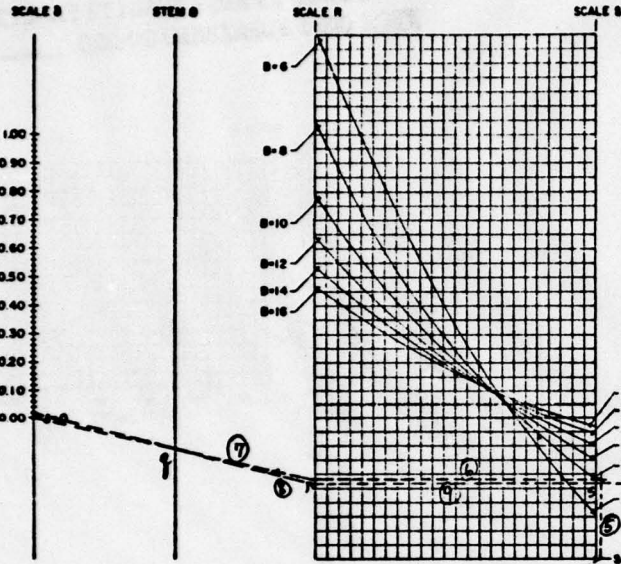
THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE  $D$  SCALE GIVES THE REQUIRED VALUE OF  $D$  THAT IS TO BE USED IN CHART 3, STEP 4.

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DIRECTIONS:

1. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $t_2$  ON SCALE  $t_2$ .
2. CONNECT THIS POINT ON SCALE  $t_2$  AND THE GIVEN POINT OF  $t_1$  ON THE  $t_1$  SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH STEM Q AT Q.
3. CONNECT Q AND THE POINT  $t_3$  ON THE  $t_3$  SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $t_4$  SCALE.
4. FROM THIS LAST INTERSECTION DRAW A CONNECTING STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $t_2$  ON SCALE  $t_2$ . EXTEND THIS LINE UP TO THE P SCALE.
5. FROM THIS INTERSECTION ON THE P SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN B CURVE.
6. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE R SCALE AT R.
7. CONNECT R AND B=0 (ON THE B SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM Q AT Q.
8. CONNECT Q AND THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE B SCALE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS SCALE S.
9. FROM THIS POINT ON THE R SCALE DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE S SCALE AT S.
10. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $\delta$  ON THE  $\delta$  SCALE.
11. CONNECT THIS POINT ON SCALE  $\delta$  AND THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $\delta$  ON THE  $\delta$  SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS STEM Q AT Y.
12. CONNECT THE POINTS S AND Y WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM W AT W.
13. CONNECT W AND THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $(t_1 - t_2)$  ON THE E SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE.
14. THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LAST LINE WITH SCALE W GIVES THE REQUIRED VALUE OF W. THIS QUANTITY PLUS Y FROM CHART 1 GIVES S ON CHART 2.

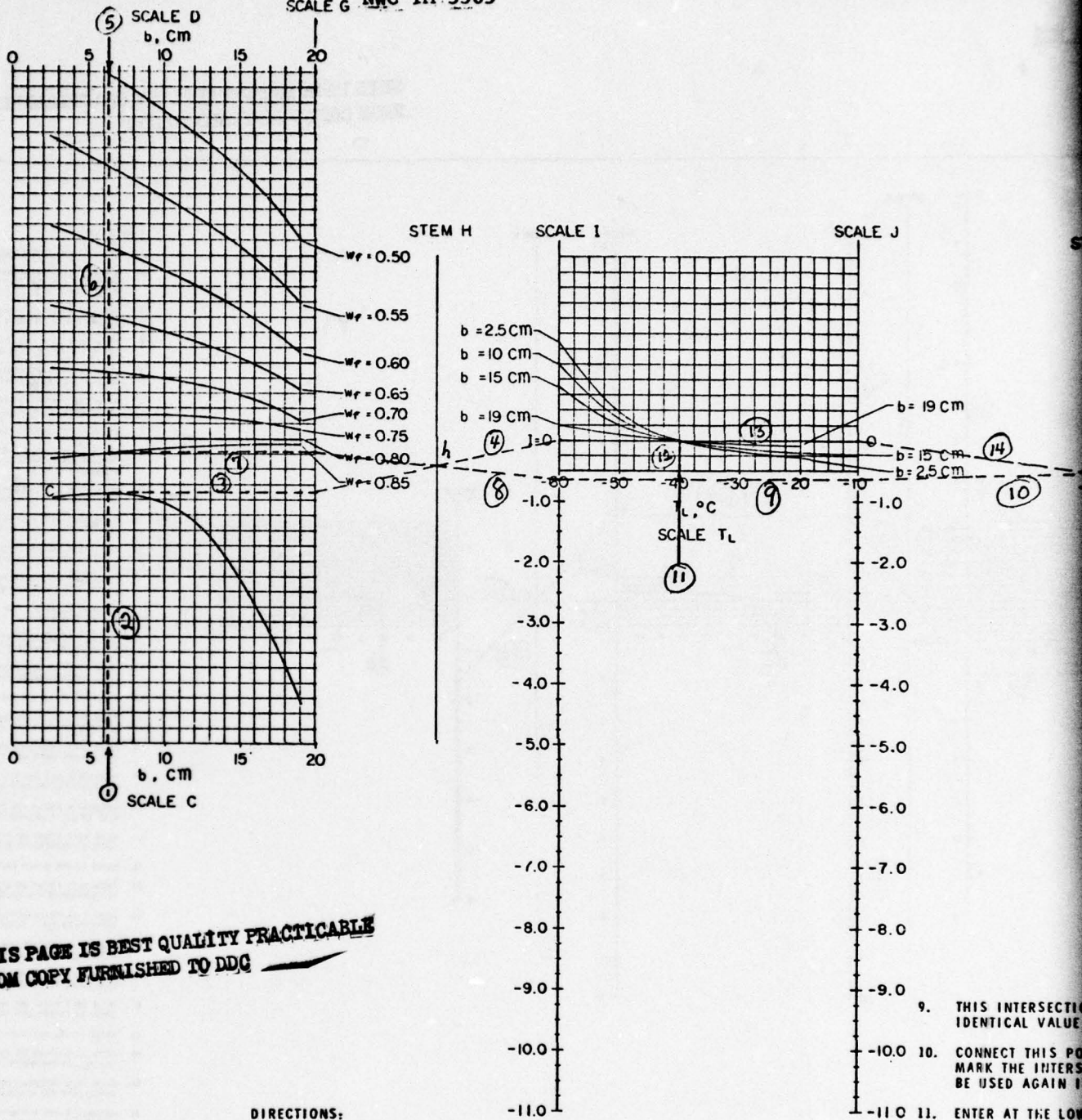
REQUIRED PARAMETERS:  
 $\delta = 6.35 \text{ cm}$   
 $t_1 = -40^\circ \text{C}$   
 $\delta = 0.08$  (FROM CHART 1)  
 $t_2 = 175^\circ \text{C}$   
 $t_3 = 190^\circ \text{C}$   
 $(t_1 - t_2) = 2.41$

RESULT:  
 $w = 1.15 \text{ NR}$

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Figure 16





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REQUIRED PARAMETERS

$b = 6.35 \text{ cm}$   
 $w_f = 0.85$   
 $T_L = -40^\circ\text{C}$   
 $V = 2.40 \text{ MPa}$   
 $W = 1.15 \text{ MPa}$   
 $S = V \cdot W = 3.55 \text{ MPa}$

RESULTS

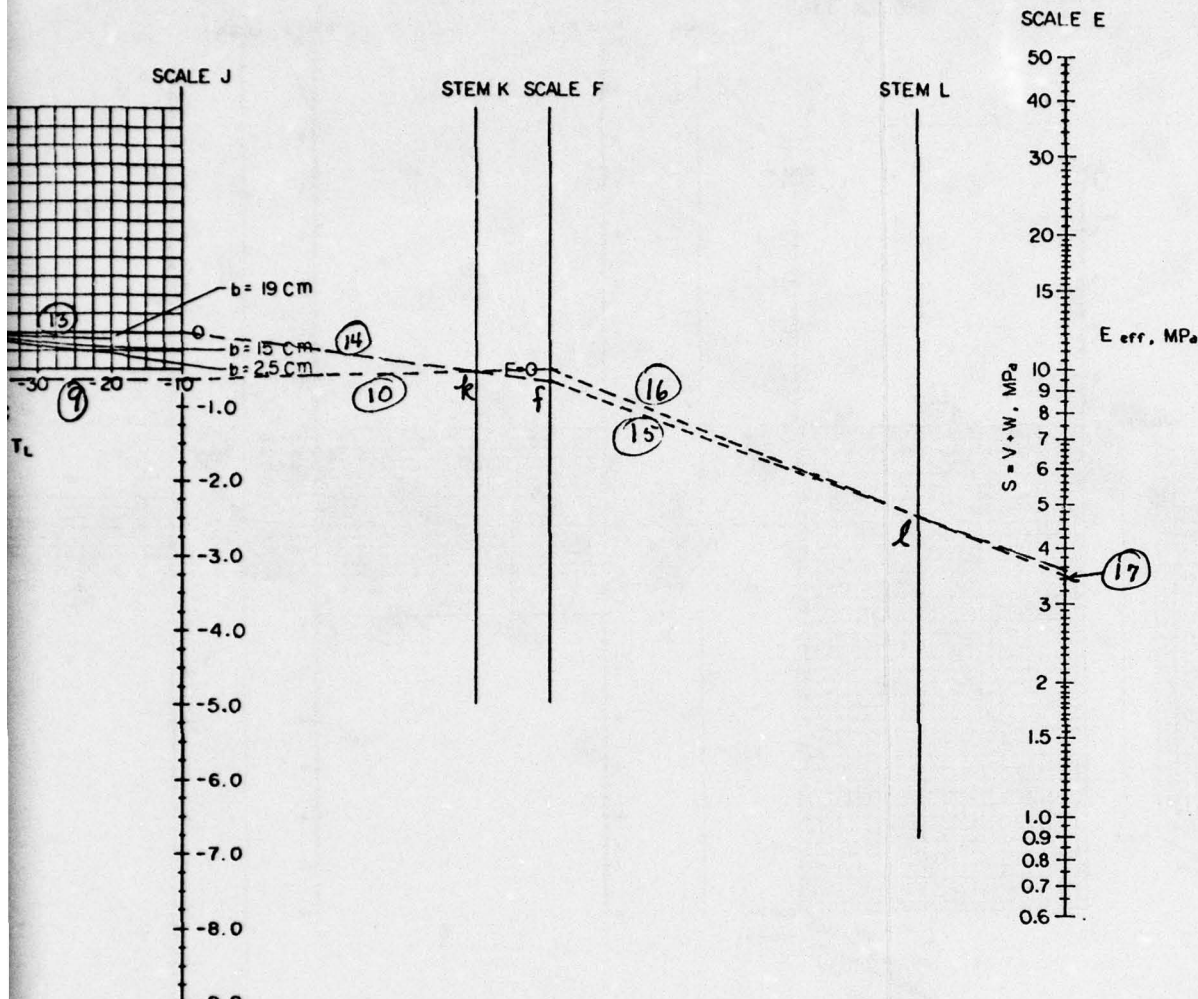
$E_{\text{eff}} = 3.45$

DIRECTIONS:


- ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $b$  ON THE C SCALE.
- DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS CURVE C.
- FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE G SCALE AT c.
- CONNECT POINT c AND THE POINT MARKED I-0 ON THE I SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION h OF THE LINE ON STEM H. THIS POINT WILL BE USED AGAIN IN STEP 8.
- ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $b$  ON THE D SCALE.
- DRAW A VERTICAL LINE DOWNWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE SPECIFIED  $w_f$  CURVE.
- FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE G SCALE AT g.
- CONNECT POINTS g AND h (SEE STEP 4) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE I SCALE.
- THIS INTERSECTION IS IDENTICAL VALUE.
- CONNECT THIS POINT TO THE J SCALE AT J.
- ENTER AT THE LOW
- DRAW A VERTICAL b CURVE.
- FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE J SCALE AT J.
- CONNECT POINTS J AND I WITH A STRAIGHT LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE I SCALE.
- CONNECT POINT I AND H WITH A STRAIGHT LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE I SCALE.
- FROM I-0 ON THE I SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE I SCALE.
- THIS INTERSECTION IS IDENTICAL VALUE.

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9. THIS INTERSECTION ON THE I SCALE IS PROJECTED HORIZONTALLY TO ITS IDENTICAL VALUE ON THE J SCALE.
10. CONNECT THIS POINT ON THE J SCALE WITH POINT F-O ON THE F SCALE. MARK THE INTERSECTION k OF THE LINE ON STEM K. THIS POINT WILL BE USED AGAIN IN STEP 14.
11. ENTER AT THE LOWER TEMPERATURE  $T_L$  ON THE  $T_L$  SCALE.
12. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE INTERPOLATED b CURVE.
13. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE J SCALE AT j.
14. CONNECT POINTS j AND k (SEE STEP 10) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE F SCALE AT f.
15. CONNECT POINT f AND THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $S(V+W)$  ON THE E SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION  $\lambda$  OF THIS LINE ON THE STEM L.
16. FROM F-O ON THE F SCALE EXTEND A LINE THROUGH POINT  $\lambda$ . CONTINUE THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE E SCALE.
17. THIS INTERSECTION PROVIDES THE VALUE OF THE  $E_{eff}$  PARAMETER, WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR THE ANALYSIS OF CHART 6. USE THIS QUANTITY IN STEP 4 OF CHART 6.


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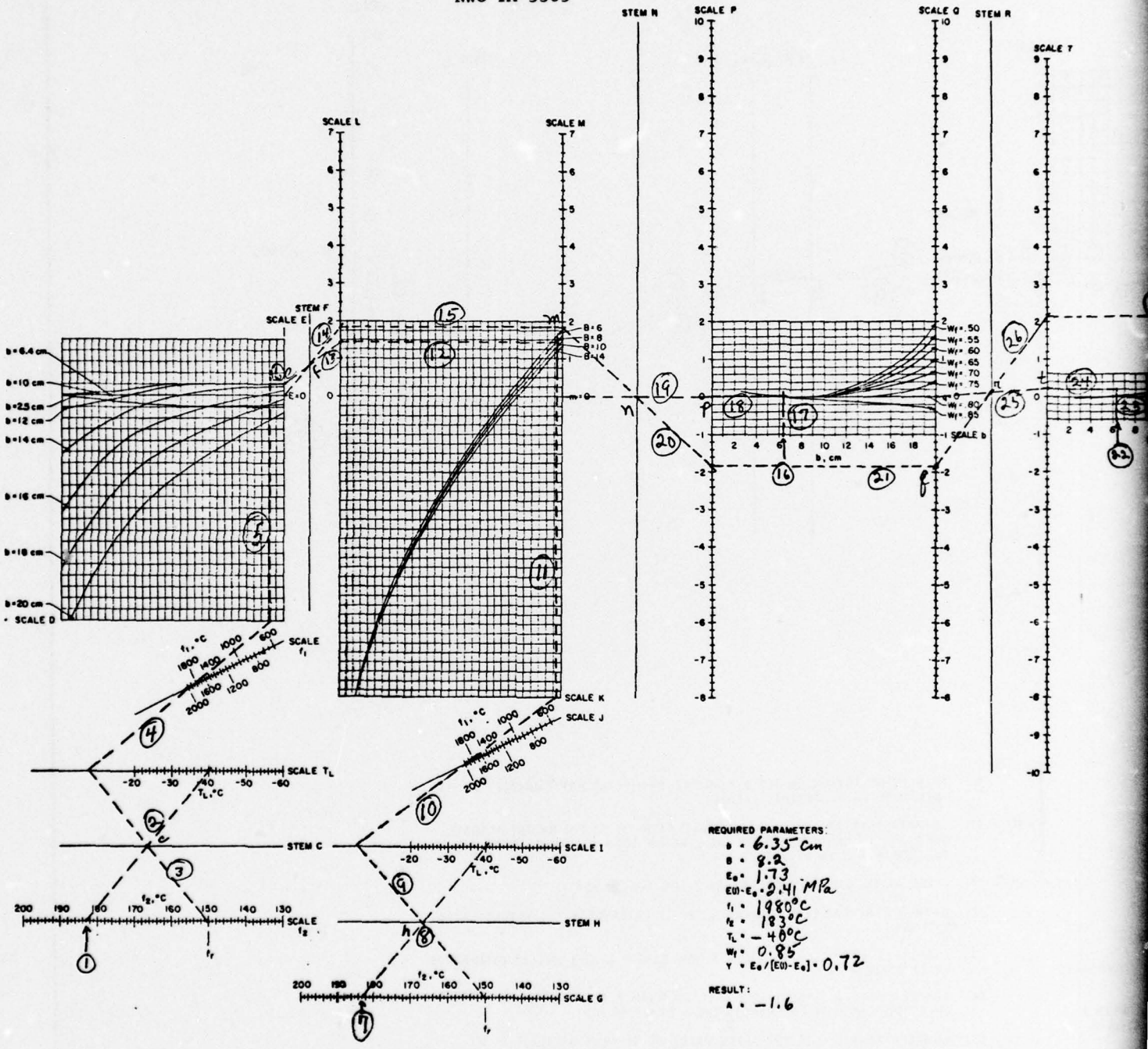
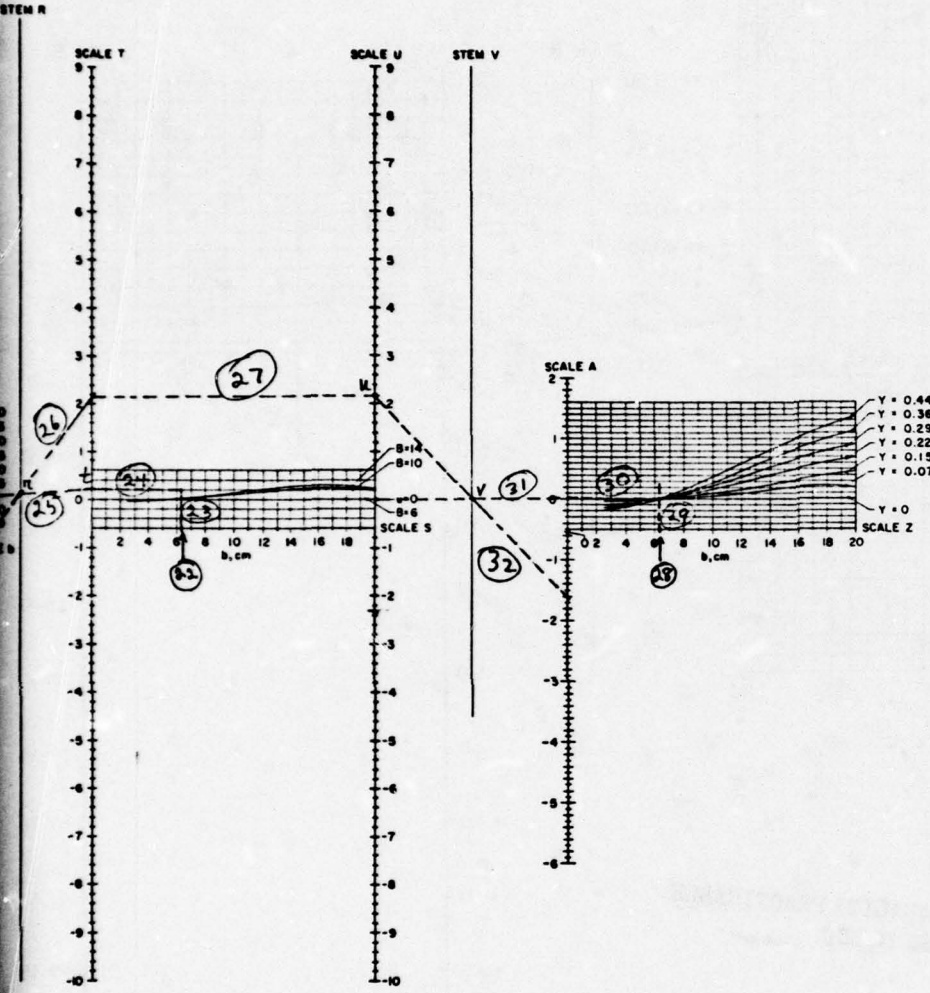


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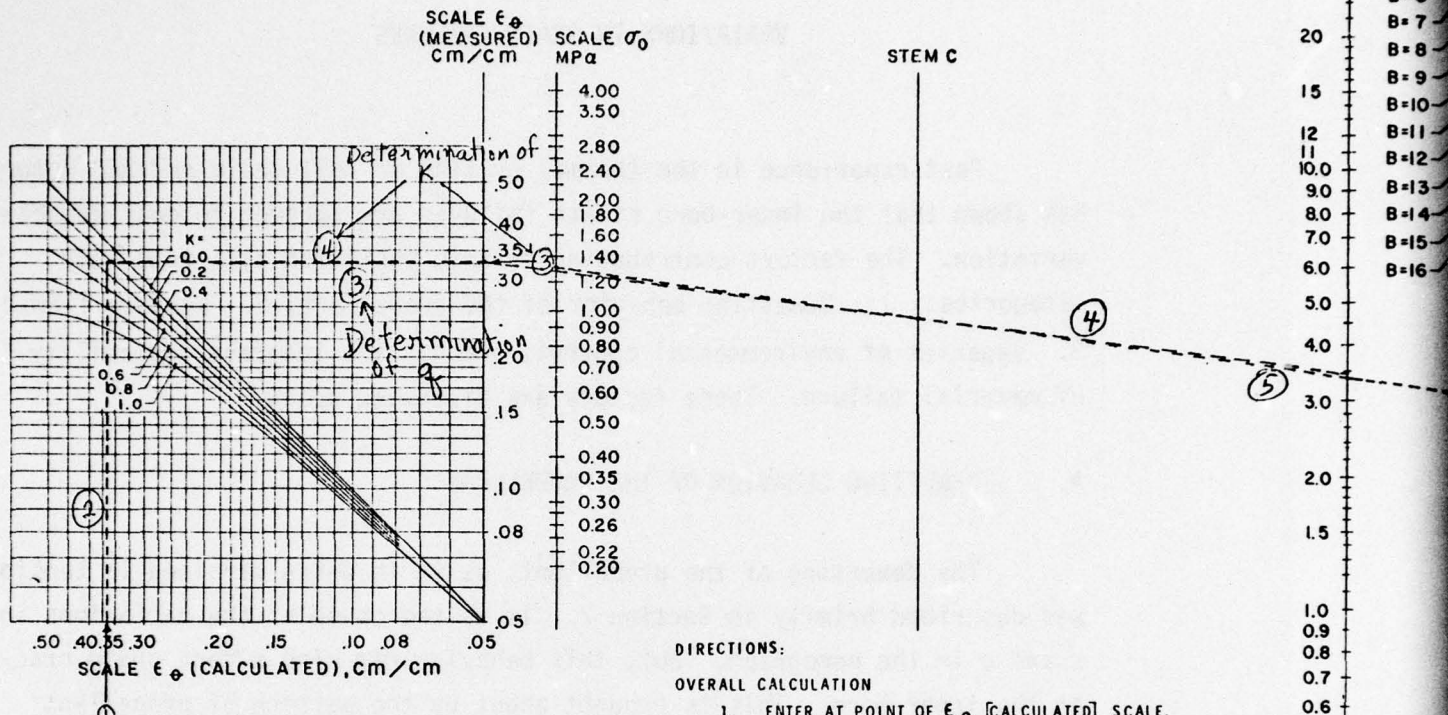


DIRECTIONS:

1. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_2$  ON SCALE  $f_2$ .
  2. CONNECT THIS POINT ON SCALE  $f_2$  AND THE GIVEN POINT OF  $f_1$  ON THE  $f_1$  SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH STEM C AT c.
  3. CONNECT c AND THE POINT f<sub>1</sub> ON THE  $f_1$  SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $f_1$  SCALE.
  4. FROM THIS LAST INTERSECTION DRAW A CONNECTING STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_1$  ON SCALE  $f_1$ . EXTEND THIS LINE UP TO THE D SCALE.
  5. FROM THIS INTERSECTION ON THE D SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN b CURVE.
  6. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE E SCALE AT e.
  7. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_2$  ON SCALE G.
  8. CONNECT THIS POINT ON SCALE G AND THE GIVEN POINT OF  $f_1$  ON THE I SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH STEM H AT h.
  9. CONNECT h AND THE POINT f<sub>1</sub> ON THE G SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE I SCALE.
  10. FROM THIS LAST INTERSECTION DRAW A CONNECTING STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_1$  ON SCALE J. EXTEND THIS LINE UP TO THE K SCALE.
  11. FROM THIS INTERSECTION ON THE K SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN B CURVE.
  12. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE L SCALE AT l.
  13. CONNECT l AND e-0 (ON THE E SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM F AT f.
  14. CONNECT INTERSECTIONS e AND f WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS SCALE L.
  15. FROM THIS POINT ON THE L SCALE DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE M SCALE AT m.
  16. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF b ON THE b SCALE.
  17. FROM THIS POINT ON THE b SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN W<sub>f</sub> CURVE.
  18. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE P SCALE AT p.
  19. CONNECT p AND m-0 (ON THE M SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM N AT n.
  20. CONNECT n AND m (ON THE N SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS SCALE P.
  21. FROM THIS POINT ON THE P SCALE DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE Q SCALE AT q.
  22. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF b ON THE S SCALE.
  23. FROM THIS POINT ON THE S SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN b CURVE.
  24. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE T SCALE AT t.
  25. CONNECT t AND q-0 (ON THE Q SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM R AT r.
  26. CONNECT r AND q (ON THE Q SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS SCALE T.
  27. FROM THIS POINT ON THE T SCALE DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE U SCALE AT u.
  28. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF b ON THE Z SCALE.
  29. FROM THIS POINT ON THE Z SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN Y CURVE.
  30. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE A SCALE AT a.
  31. CONNECT a AND u-0 WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM V AT v.
  32. CONNECT v AND u (ON THE U SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS SCALE A.
- THIS LAST INTERSECTION WITH SCALE A GIVES THE REQUIRED VALUE OF A. THIS QUANTITY IS TO BE USED IN STEP 9 ON CHART 6.

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CHART 5 - DAMAGE ANALYSIS  
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**SCHEMATIC EXAMPLE**

**REQUIRED PARAMETERS:**

**SUBCALCULATION I**

$\epsilon_{\phi}$  (CALC) = 0.379 cm/cm  
 $\epsilon_{\phi}$  (MEAS) = 0.33 cm/cm  
 K = 0.25

**SUBCALCULATION II**

$\epsilon_{\phi}$  (CALC) = 0.379 cm/cm  
 K = 0.25 [SEE SUBCALCULATION I]  
 $\sigma_0$  = 1.313 MPa  
 $E_{eff}$  = 3.45 MPa [FROM CHART 4]  
 B = 8.2  
 $\bar{N}_g$  = 15.9 CYCLES  
 A = -1.6 [FROM CHART 5]

**RESULT:**

q = -0.95

**DIRECTIONS:**

**OVERALL CALCULATION**

1. ENTER AT POINT OF  $\epsilon_{\phi}$  [CALCULATED] SCALE.
2. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE K CURVE, HAVING THE K VALUE FROM SUBCALCULATION I.
3. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $\epsilon_{\phi}$  [MEASURED] SCALE.
4. DRAW LINE BETWEEN THIS INTERSECTION ON THE  $\epsilon_{\phi}$  [MEASURED] SCALE AND THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE  $E_{eff}$  SCALE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM C AT c.
5. DRAW A LINE BETWEEN c AND THE VALUE OF THE  $\sigma_0$  SCALE AND EXTEND LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE P SCALE AT p.
6. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN B CURVE [INTERPOLATED CURVES SHOULD BE DRAWN IN ADVANCE].
7. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE DOWNWARD FROM THE B INTERSECTION UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE SCALE AT POINT d.
8. CONNECT d AND THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE q SCALE DETERMINED IN SUBCALCULATION II. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM F AT f.
9. DRAW A LINE BETWEEN f AND THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE A SCALE. EXTEND THIS LINE DOWNWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE N SCALE. THIS INTERSECTION IS THE NUMBER OF CYCLES TO FAILURE, N.

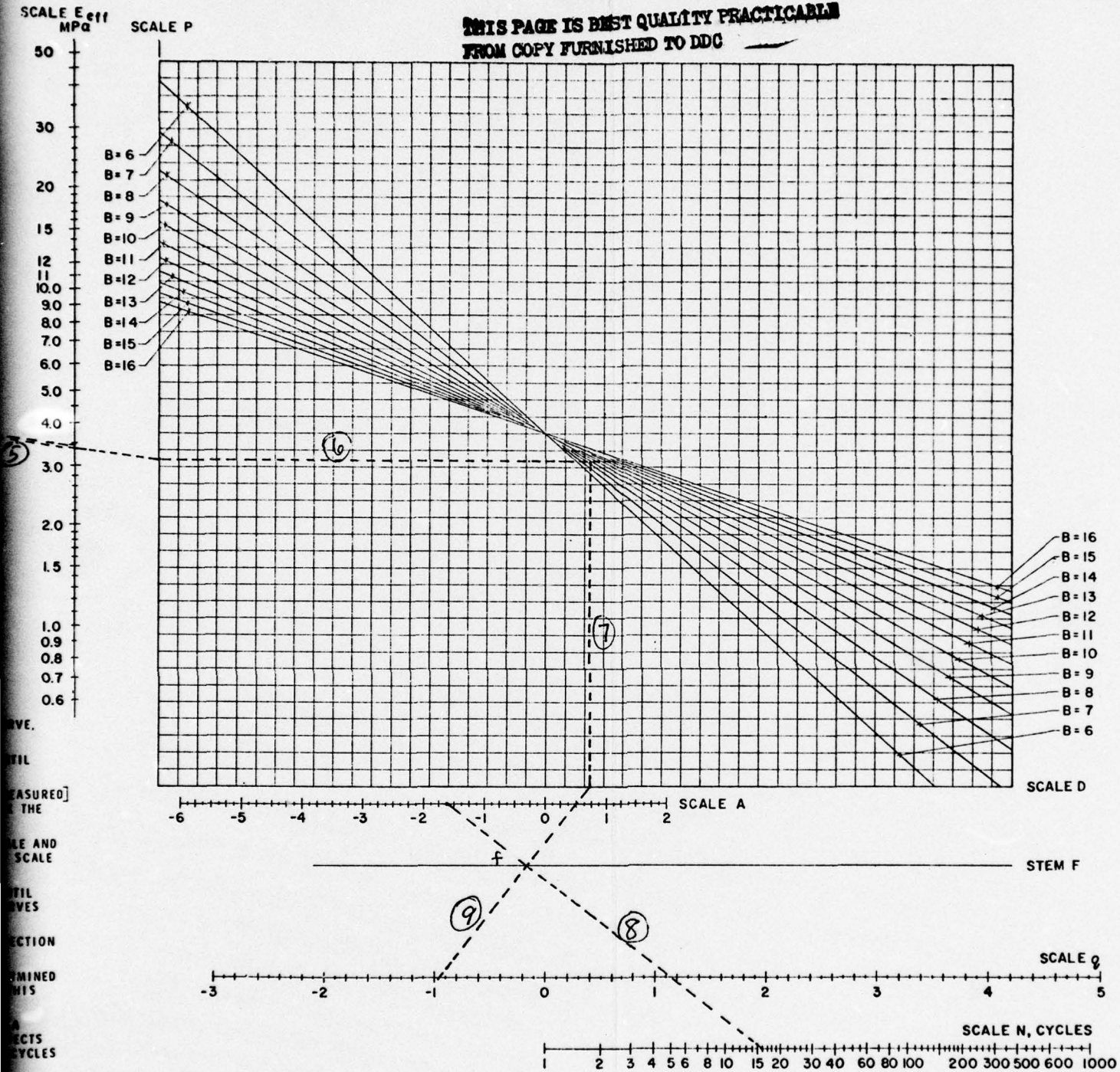
**SUBCALCULATION I - EMPIRICAL DETERMINATION OF K.**

THE GIVEN QUANTITIES ARE FOR A STRAIN EVALUATION CYLINDER AND INCLUDE:  $\epsilon_{\phi}$  [CALCULATED] AND  $\epsilon_{\phi}$  [MEASURED].

1. ENTER AT THE GIVEN POINT ON  $\epsilon_{\phi}$  [CALCULATED] SCALE.
2. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD.
3. ENTER AT THE GIVEN POINT OF  $\epsilon_{\phi}$  [MEASURED] SCALE.
4. DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT.
5. THE INTERSECTION OF THE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL LINES DEFINES THE K CURVE APPROPRIATE TO THE GIVEN PROPELLANT FORMULATION. THIS CURVE MAY FALL BETWEEN THOSE DRAWN SO AN INTERPOLATED CURVE SHOULD BE DRAWN FOR THE LATER CALCULATIONS.

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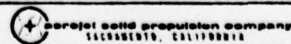
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SUBCALCULATION II - EMPIRICAL DETERMINATION OF  $q$ .

THE GIVEN QUANTITIES ARE THE SAME AS REQUIRED IN THE OVERALL CALCULATION (EXCEPT FOR  $q$ ) PLUS THE GEOMETRIC MEAN NUMBER OF CYCLES TO FAILURE,  $N$ , OF THREE OR MORE STRAIN EVALUATION CYLINDERS.

- 1-7 STEPS 1 THROUGH 7 OF THE OVERALL CALCULATION ARE PERFORMED AS DESCRIBED, BUT STEPS 8 AND 9 ARE REVERSED.
8. ENTER THE VALUE OF  $A$  ON THE  $A$  SCALE AND THE GEOMETRIC MEAN OF OBSERVED CYCLES TO FAILURE ON THE  $N$  SCALE AND CONNECT THEM WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF STEM  $F$  AT  $f$ .
9. CONNECT POINT  $f$  ON THE STEM  $F$  AND THE INTERSECTION  $d$  ON THE  $D$  SCALE (SEE STEP 7). EXTEND THE LINE DOWNWARD, THE INTERSECTION WITH THE  $q$  SCALE GIVES THE EMPIRICAL VALUE OF  $q$ .



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CHART 6 - FINAL CALCULATIONS

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SECTION 4

VARIATIONS IN GRAIN FAILURES

Past experience in the thermal cycling of full scale and SEC motors has shown that the inner-bore strain failures are subject to considerable variation. The factors contributing to this variation fall into four categories: 1. Dewetting behavior of the propellant; 2. surface flaws; 3. vagaries of environmental control; and 4. the inherent variability of material failure. These factors are discussed below.

A. DEWETTING BEHAVIOR OF THE PROPELLANT

The dewetting of the propellant, as it is being strained in tension, was described briefly in Section 2. It is the cause of the variations in  $K$  and  $q$  in the nomograph. But, this behavior may also affect grain cracking at the inner-bore. This is brought about by the pattern of propellant dewetting, which greatly affects its notch, or flaw, sensitivity.

A propellant which dewets in local bands will tend to accentuate a flaw or notch; thus accelerating the inner-bore cracking of a grain.

Some propellants dewet uniformly through the material converting it to a sponge. This soft spongy material acts to reduce flaw, or notch, sensitivity. Hence, grain inner-bore cracking rates are reduced.

All propellants range in their dewetting between the two limiting behaviors described above. But, as a simple rule, those propellants exhibiting the largest values of  $K$  and  $q$  (in the nomographic analysis) may be associated with the thinnest bands of localized dewetting (high flaw sensitivity).

Please note: Negative values of  $q$  indicate a softening of the propellant. The positive values, indicate that the propellant has become harder.

The smallest values of  $K$  and  $q$  ( $q$  becoming more negative) are expected to correlate with an overall spongy propellant and reduced flaw sensitivity.

#### B. SURFACE FLAWS

Past experience has shown that inner-bore cracks can be initiated by seemingly insignificant flaws; i.e., (1) a flick of red burning rate catalyst that was about .03 in. x .03 in. x .06 in., (2) a ridge left in the propellant where two parts of a casting mandrel were mated to within 0.005 in., (3) accidentally made surface scratches that were thought to be about 0.002 in. deep; and (4) near-surface casting bubbles.

It is essential, then, that every crack be examined to detect its probable origin, and to determine if the motor behavior is an outlier because of an unusual flaw.

#### C. VAGARIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

This testing is more sensitive to variations in the temperature environment than to all of the other test variables. Hence, it is critical that the temperature be controlled within as narrow limits as possible. A limit control of better than  $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  is recommended.

The next most important parameter is atmospheric moisture. Care must be taken not to expose a cold grain to the atmosphere. A test for accidental moisture exposure is a change in the location of the bore crack away from the region of highest strains. Usually, the presence of air moisture will interact with the grain to cause failure initiation at a point that is about one-third the length of the motor from the exposed end. The high strain region is usually at the mid-point.

## D. STATISTICS OF MATERIAL FAILURE

When tested for fatigue, solid propellant failures usually follow a Weibull statistical distribution. The Weibull distribution is usually hard to characterize accurately, so we use a normal logarithmic distribution for convenience. From either of these distributions we can generate the required statistical inferences.

The most important statistical inference is the prediction of the "expected" range of motor failures for a set of  $n$  motors. That is, the prediction of the number of cycles-to-failure for the first motor of the set,  $N_1$ , to the last (or  $n$ th) motor of the set,  $N_n$ . The expected range, then, is  $N_1$  to  $N_n$ .

The range prediction is made in terms of the expected first failure in the set of  $n$  motors. Figure 20 contains plots of the ratio  $N_1/\bar{N}$  versus the motor sample size  $n$  at various levels of the propellant log-normal standard deviation,  $\sigma(\log t_f)$ . The use of the curve requires: 1. The nomographic prediction of  $\bar{N}$ , which is taken as the value of the prediction ( $N$ ); 2. the motor sample size,  $n$ , for which the prediction is to be made; and 3. an estimate of  $\sigma(\log t_f)$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}(\log t_f)$ . The curve is entered at  $n$  and  $\hat{\sigma}(\log t_f)$  and the expected ratio  $N_1/\bar{N}$  is read directly. The expected value of  $N_1$  is obtained by the relation

$$N_1 = (N_1/\bar{N}) \times N \quad (16)$$

The expected value of  $N_n$  is based upon the logarithmic nature of the statistical distribution and is approximated by

$$N_n \approx N / (N_1/\bar{N}) \quad (17)$$

Thus, both  $N_1$  and  $N_n$  can be approximated.

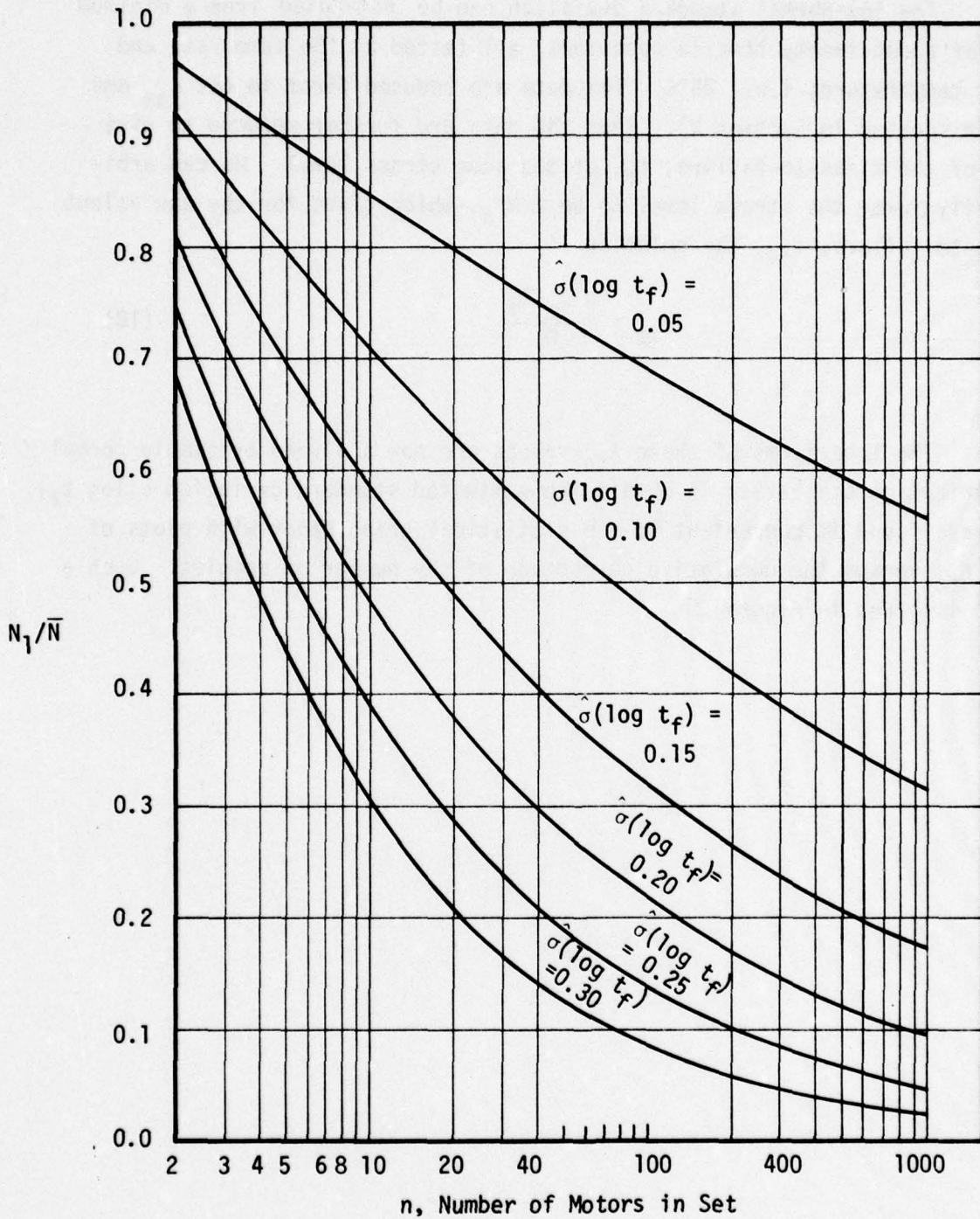


FIGURE 20. EXPECTED NUMBER OF CYCLES TO FIRST FAILURE VERSUS MOTOR SAMPLE SIZE

The log-normal standard deviation can be estimated from a minimum set of about twenty tensile specimens, all tested at the same rate and test temperature; i.e., 25°C. The data are reduced first to get  $\sigma_{tm}$  and  $t_f$  (discussed in Section 2). Then the data are further reduced to give all of the times-to-failure,  $t_f$ , at the same stress level. We can arbitrarily choose the stress level to be  $2 \text{ MP}_a$ , which gives for the equivalent time-to-failure,  $t_{fe}$ , the relation

$$t_{fe} = \frac{\sigma_{tm}^B t_f}{2^B} \quad (18)$$

The logarithms of these  $t_{fe}$  values are now analyzed by simple normal distribution statistics to obtain the estimated standard deviation  $\hat{\sigma}(\log t_f)$ . We have found it convenient to use statistical graph paper with plots of  $\log t_{fe}$  versus the cumulative percentage of the number of samples. Such a plot is given in Figure 21.

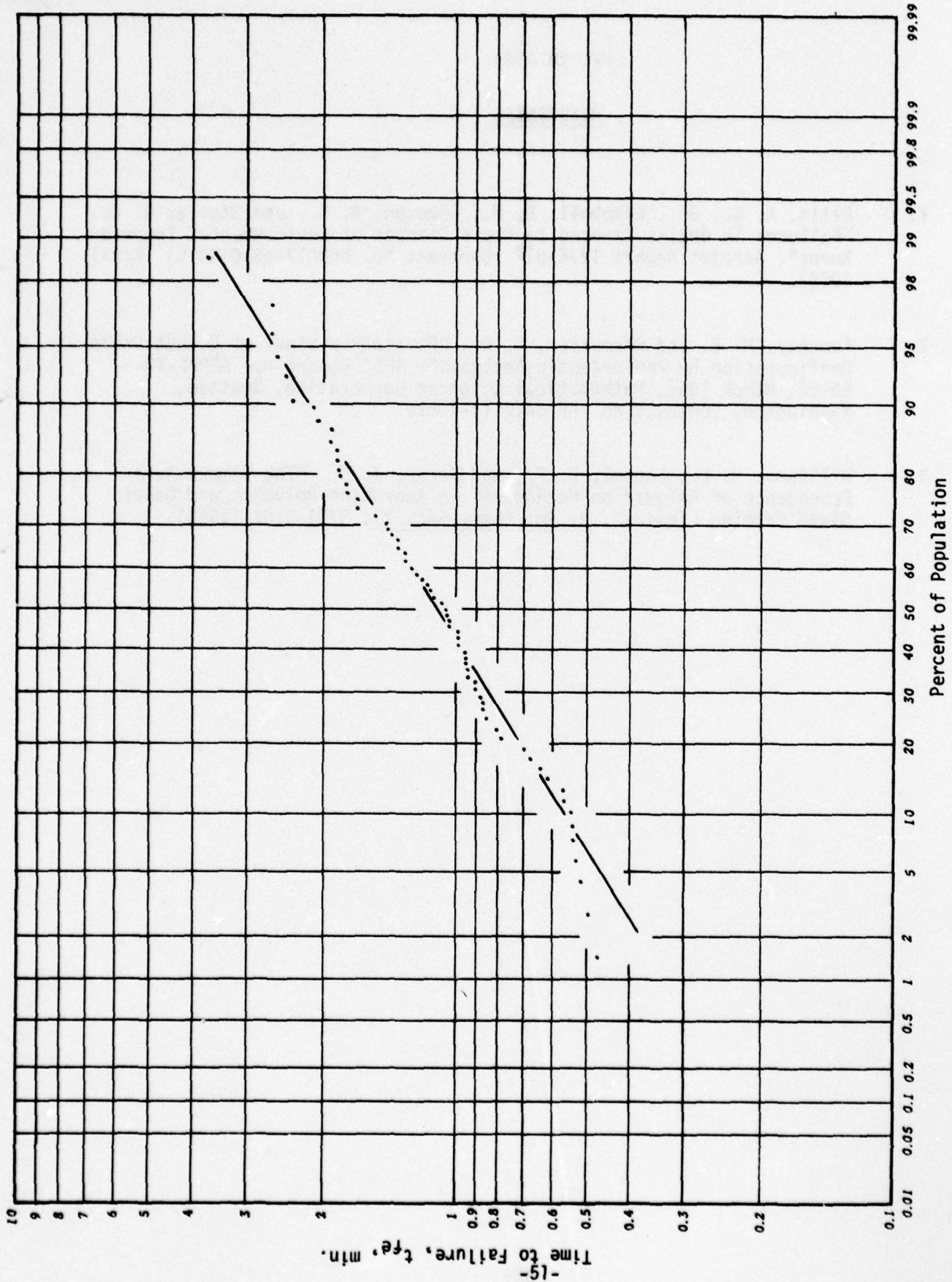


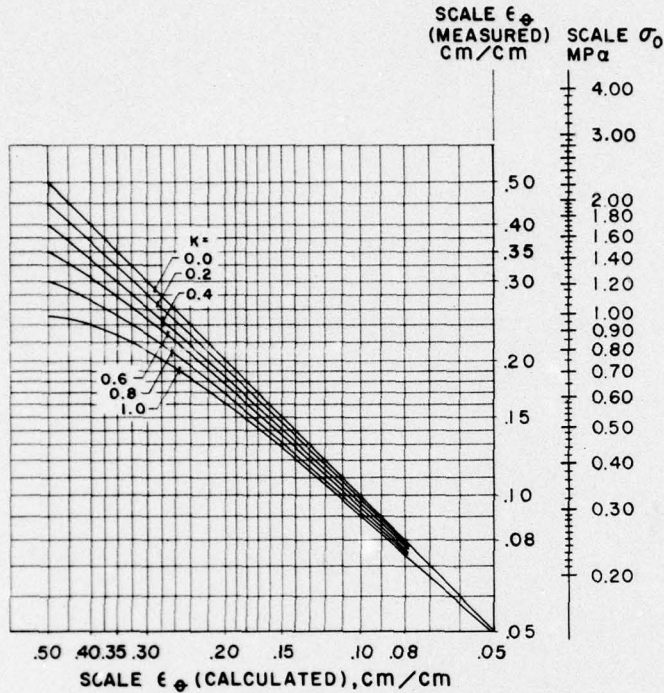
FIGURE 21. TYPICAL LOGARITHMIC DISTRIBUTION OF PROPELLANT TIME-TO-FAILURE DATA

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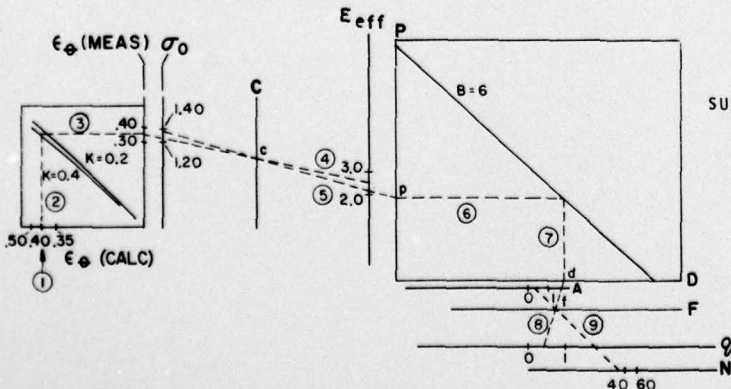
REQUIRED PARAMETERS:

$\epsilon_{\phi}$  (CALC) = \_\_\_ cm/cm  
 K = \_\_\_ [SEE SUBCALCULATION I]  
 $\epsilon_{\phi}$  (MEAS) = \_\_\_ cm/cm  
 $\sigma_0$  = \_\_\_ MPa  
 $E_{eff}$  = \_\_\_ MPa [FROM CHART 4]  
 B = \_\_\_  
 $\bar{Q}$  = \_\_\_ [SEE SUBCALCULATION II]  
 $\bar{N}_g$  = \_\_\_ CYCLES  
 A = \_\_\_ [FROM CHART 5]

RESULT:

$\epsilon_{\phi}$  (MEAS) = \_\_\_ cm/cm  
 N = \_\_\_ CYCLES

SCHEMATIC EXAMPLE



DIRECTIONS:

OVERALL CALCULATION

1. ENTER AT POINT OF  $\epsilon_{\phi}$  [CALCULATED] SCALE.
2. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE K CURVE, HAVING THE K VALUE FROM SUBCALCULATION I.
3. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $\epsilon_{\phi}$  [MEASURED] SCALE.
4. DRAW LINE BETWEEN THIS INTERSECTION ON THE  $\epsilon_{\phi}$  [MEASURED] SCALE AND THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE  $E_{eff}$  SCALE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM C AT c.
5. DRAW A LINE BETWEEN c AND THE VALUE OF  $\sigma_0$  ON THE  $\sigma_0$  SCALE AND EXTEND LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE P SCALE AT p.
6. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN B CURVE [INTERPOLATED CURVES SHOULD BE DRAWN IN ADVANCE].
7. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE DOWNWARD FROM THE B INTERSECTION UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE D SCALE AT POINT d.
8. CONNECT d AND THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE  $\bar{Q}$  SCALE DETERMINED IN SUBCALCULATION II. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM F AT f.
9. DRAW A LINE BETWEEN f AND THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE A SCALE. EXTEND THIS LINE DOWNWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE N SCALE. THIS INTERSECTION IS THE NUMBER OF CYCLES TO FAILURE, N.

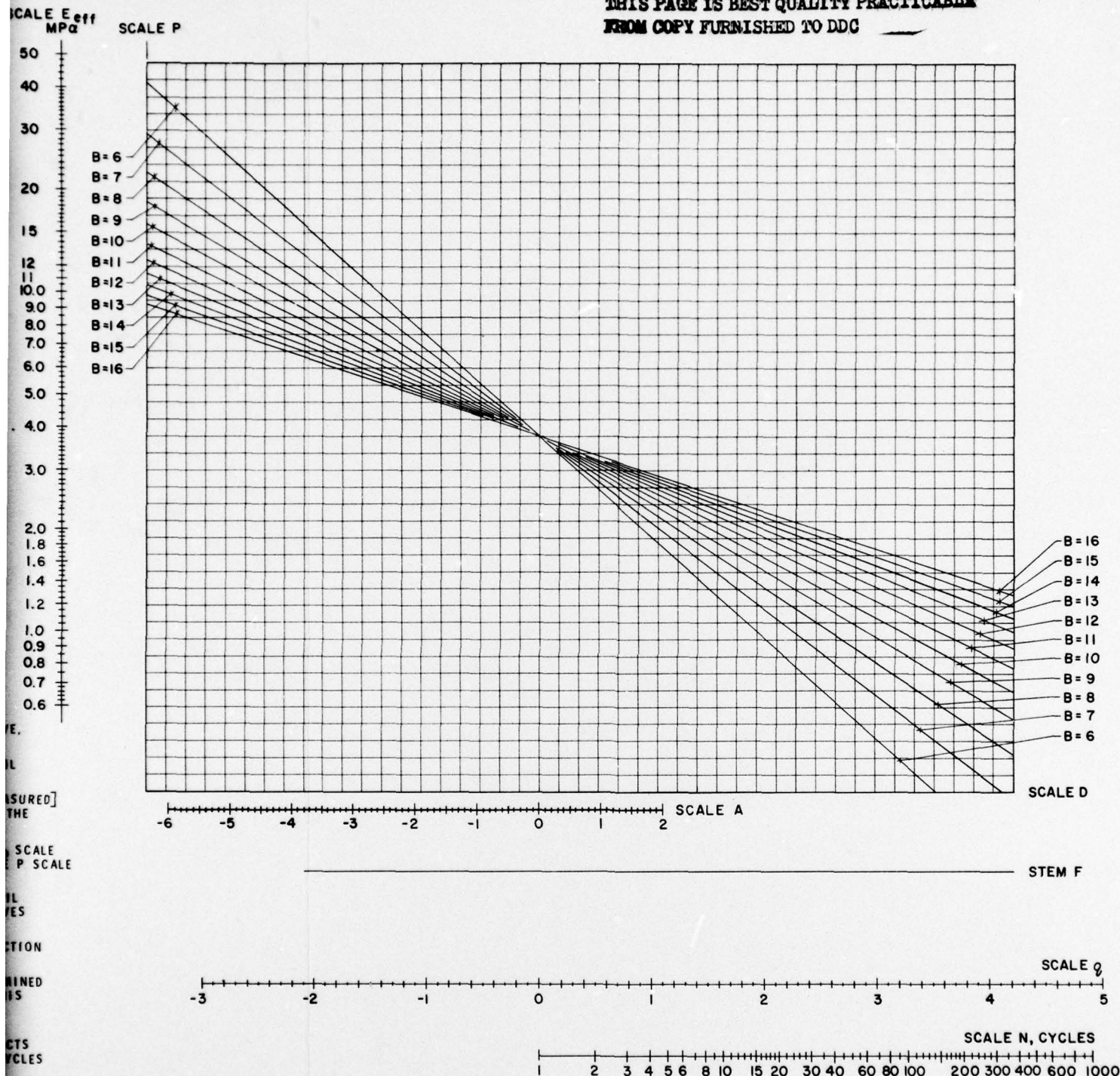
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2. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD.
3. ENTER AT THE GIVEN POINT OF  $\epsilon_{\phi}$  [MEASURED] SCALE.
4. DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT.
5. THE INTERSECTION OF THE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL LINES DEFINES THE K CURVE APPROPRIATE TO THE GIVEN PROPELLANT FORMULATION. THIS CURVE MAY FALL BETWEEN THOSE DRAWN SO AN INTERPOLATED CURVE SHOULD BE DRAWN FOR THE LATER CALCULATIONS.

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**SUBCALCULATION II - EMPIRICAL DETERMINATION OF  $q$**

THE GIVEN QUANTITIES ARE THE SAME AS REQUIRED IN THE OVERALL CALCULATION (EXCEPT FOR  $q$ ) PLUS THE GEOMETRIC MEAN NUMBER OF CYCLES TO FAILURE,  $N$ , OF THREE OR MORE STRAIN EVALUATION CYLINDERS.

- 1-7 STEPS 1 THROUGH 7 OF THE OVERALL CALCULATION ARE PERFORMED AS DESCRIBED, BUT STEPS 8 AND 9 ARE REVERSED.
8. ENTER THE VALUE OF A ON THE A SCALE AND THE GEOMETRIC MEAN OF OBSERVED CYCLES TO FAILURE ON THE N SCALE AND CONNECT THEM WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF STEM F AT  $i$ .
9. CONNECT POINT  $i$  ON THE STEM F AND THE INTERSECTION ON  $d$  ON THE D SCALE (SEE STEP 7). EXTEND THE LINE DOWNWARD, THE INTERSECTION WITH THE  $q$  SCALE GIVES THE EMPIRICAL VALUE OF  $q$ .



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CHART 6 - FINAL CALCULATIONS**

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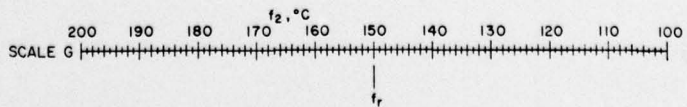
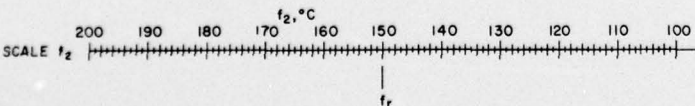
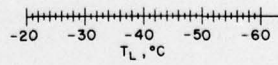
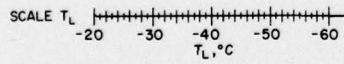
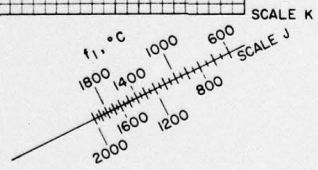
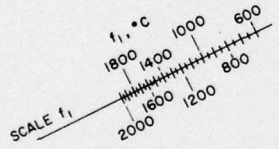
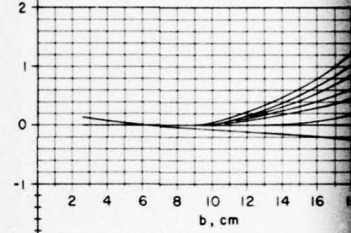
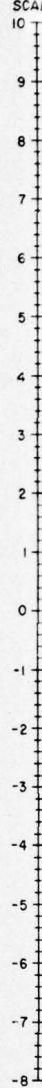
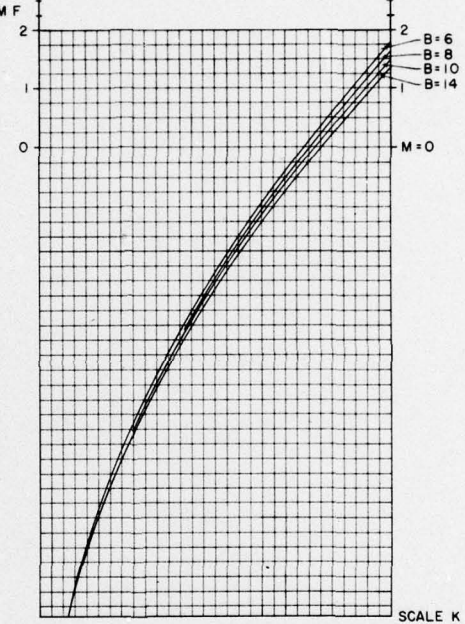
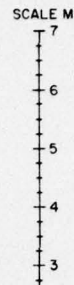
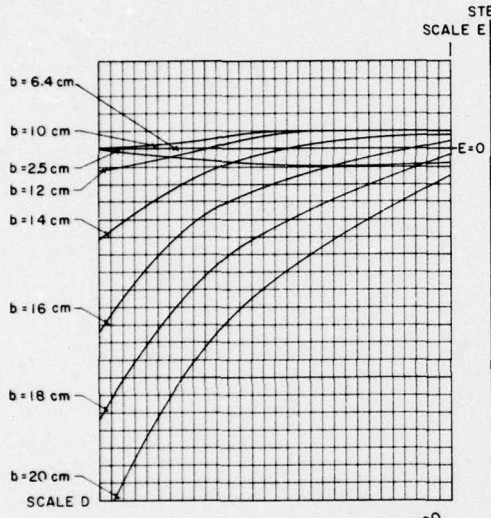
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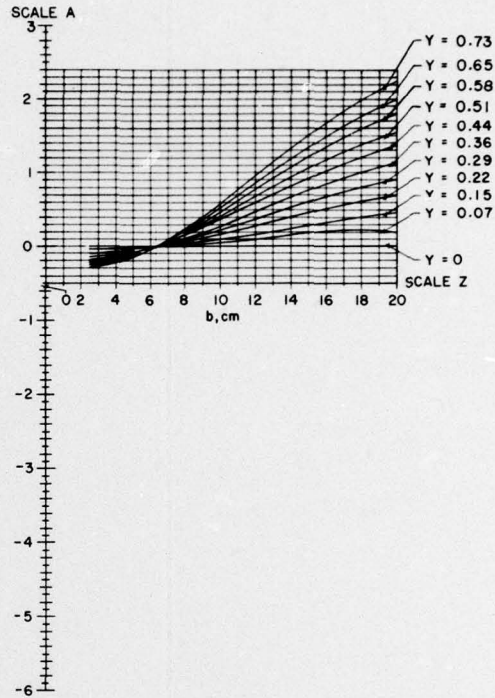
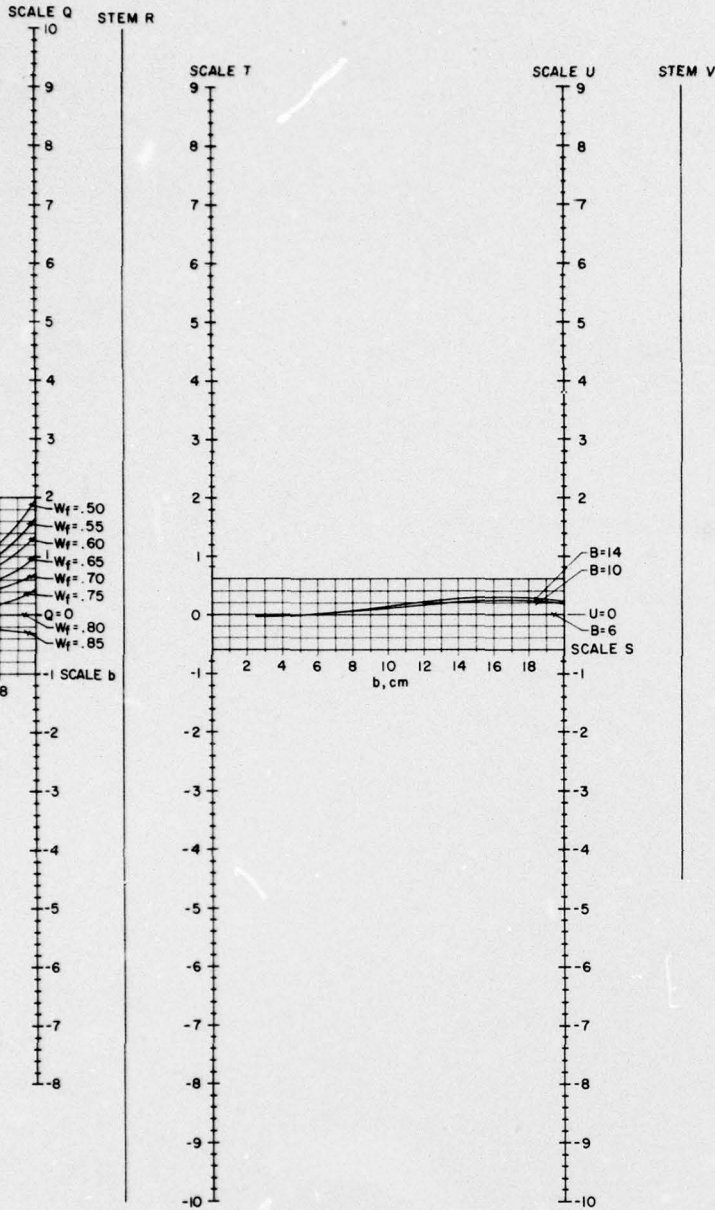
STEM N SCALE P

REQUIRED PARAMETERS:  
 $b = \text{--- cm}$   
 $B = \text{---}$   
 $E_e = \text{--- MPa}$   
 $E(l) - E_e = \text{--- MPa}$   
 $f_1 = \text{--- } ^\circ\text{C}$   
 $f_2 = \text{--- } ^\circ\text{C}$   
 $T_L = \text{--- } ^\circ\text{C}$   
 $W_f = \text{---}$   
 $Y = E_e / [E(l) - E_e] = \text{---}$

RESULT:  
 $A = \text{---}$

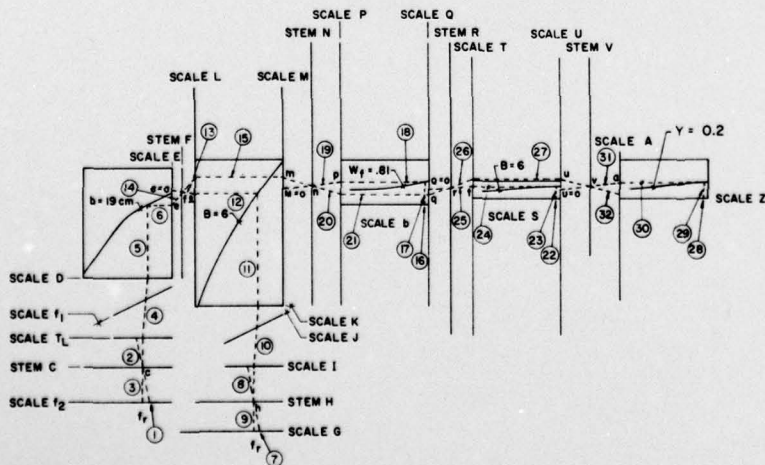


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- DIRECTIONS:
1. ENTER AT THE
  2. CONNECT THIS SCALE WITH A WITH STEM C
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  7. ENTER AT THE
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  16. ENTER AT THE
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  18. FROM THIS INT INTERSECTS TH
  19. CONNECT p AND INTERSECTION I
  20. CONNECT n AND LINE UNTIL IT
  21. FROM THIS PO UNTIL IT INTER
  22. ENTER AT THE
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  25. CONNECT I AND INTERSECTION I
  26. CONNECT r AND LINE UNTIL IT
  27. FROM THIS PO UNTIL IT INTER
  28. ENTER AT THE
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  32. CONNECT v AN LINE UNTIL IT

**SCHEMATIC EXAMPLE**



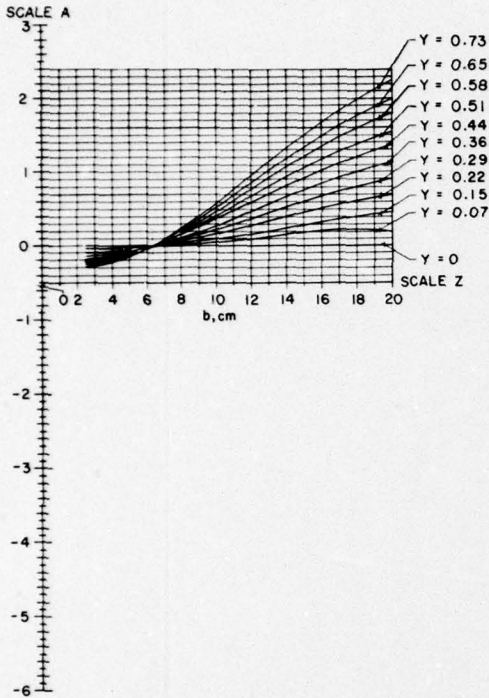
THIS LAST INTERSECTION QUANTITY IS TO BE


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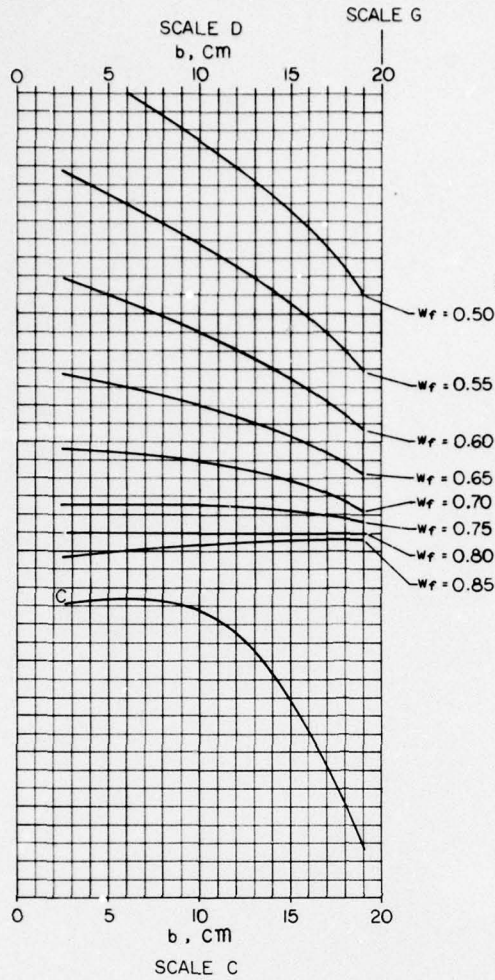
1. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_2$  ON SCALE  $f_2$ .
  2. CONNECT THIS POINT ON SCALE  $f_2$  AND THE GIVEN POINT OF  $T_1$  ON THE  $T_1$  SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH STEM C AT c.
  3. CONNECT c AND THE POINT  $f_1$  ON THE  $f_1$  SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $T_1$  SCALE.
  4. FROM THIS LAST INTERSECTION DRAW A CONNECTING STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_1$  ON SCALE  $f_1$ . EXTEND THIS LINE UP TO THE D SCALE.
  5. FROM THIS INTERSECTION ON THE D SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN b CURVE.
  6. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE E SCALE AT e.
  7. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_2$  ON SCALE G.
  8. CONNECT THIS POINT ON SCALE G AND THE GIVEN POINT OF  $T_1$  ON THE I SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH STEM H AT h.
  9. CONNECT h AND THE POINT  $f_1$  ON THE G SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE I SCALE.
  10. FROM THIS LAST INTERSECTION DRAW A CONNECTING STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_1$  ON SCALE J. EXTEND THIS LINE UP TO THE K SCALE.
  11. FROM THIS INTERSECTION ON THE K SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN b CURVE.
  12. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE L SCALE AT l.
  13. CONNECT l AND e-o (ON THE E SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM F AT f.
  14. CONNECT INTERSECTIONS e AND f WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS SCALE L.
  15. FROM THIS POINT ON THE L SCALE DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE M SCALE AT m.
  16. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF b ON THE b SCALE.
  17. FROM THIS POINT ON THE b SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN  $w_f$  CURVE.
  18. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE P SCALE AT p.
  19. CONNECT p AND m-o (ON THE M SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM N AT n.
  20. CONNECT n AND m (ON THE M SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS SCALE P.
  21. FROM THIS POINT ON THE P SCALE DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE Q SCALE AT q.
  22. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF b ON THE S SCALE.
  23. FROM THIS POINT ON THE S SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN b CURVE.
  24. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE T SCALE AT t.
  25. CONNECT t AND q-o (ON THE Q SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM R AT r.
  26. CONNECT r AND q (ON THE Q SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS SCALE T.
  27. FROM THIS POINT ON THE T SCALE DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE U SCALE AT u.
  28. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF b ON THE Z SCALE.
  29. FROM THIS POINT ON THE Z SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN y CURVE.
  30. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE A SCALE AT a.
  31. CONNECT a AND u-o WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM V AT v.
  32. CONNECT v AND u (ON THE U SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS SCALE A.
- THIS LAST INTERSECTION WITH SCALE A GIVES THE REQUIRED VALUE OF A. THIS QUANTITY IS TO BE USED IN STEP 9 ON CHART B.




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**CHART 5 - DAMAGE ANALYSIS**  
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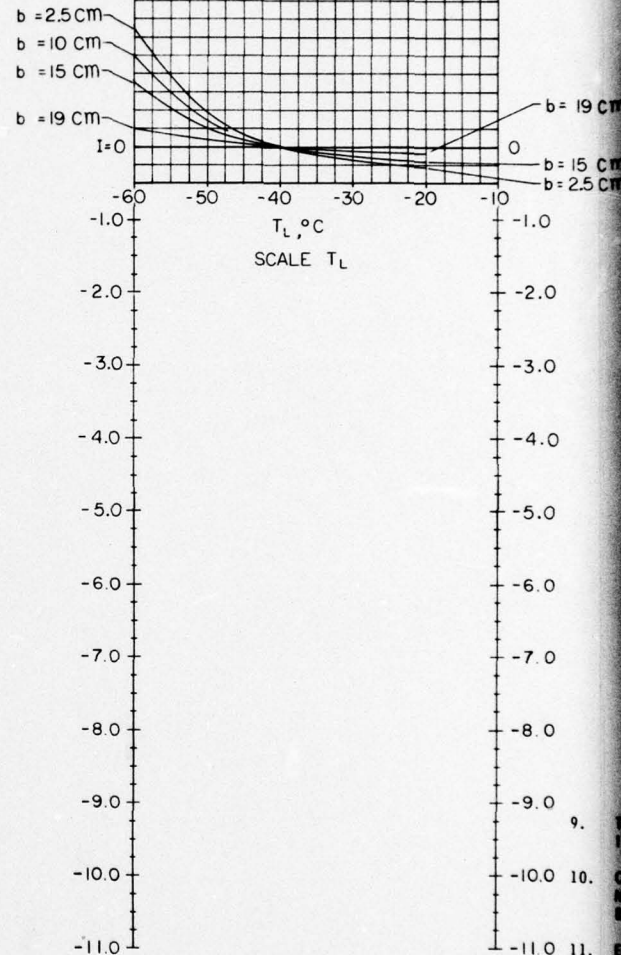
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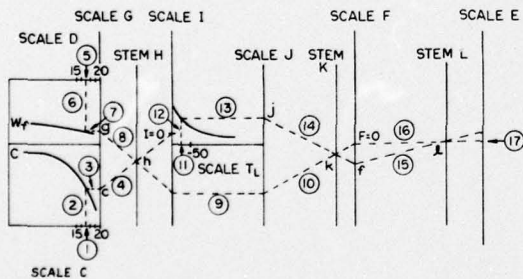
STEM H

SCALE I

SCALE J



**SCHEMATIC EXAMPLE**



**DIRECTIONS:**

1. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $b$  ON THE C SCALE. 12.
2. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS CURVE C. 13.
3. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE G SCALE AT  $c$ . 14.
4. CONNECT POINT  $c$  AND THE POINT MARKED I-0 ON THE I SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION  $h$  OF THE LINE ON STEM H. THIS POINT WILL BE USED AGAIN IN STEP 8. 15.
5. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $b$  ON THE D SCALE. 16.
6. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE DOWNWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE SPECIFIED  $w_f$  CURVE. 17.
7. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE G SCALE AT  $g$ . 17.
8. CONNECT POINTS  $g$  AND  $h$  (SEE STEP 4) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE I SCALE.

**REQUIRED PARAMETERS**

$b = \text{--- CM}$   
 $w_f = \text{---}$   
 $T_L = \text{--- } ^\circ C$   
 $V = \text{--- MPa}$   
 $W = \text{--- MPa}$   
 $S = V + W = \text{--- MPa}$

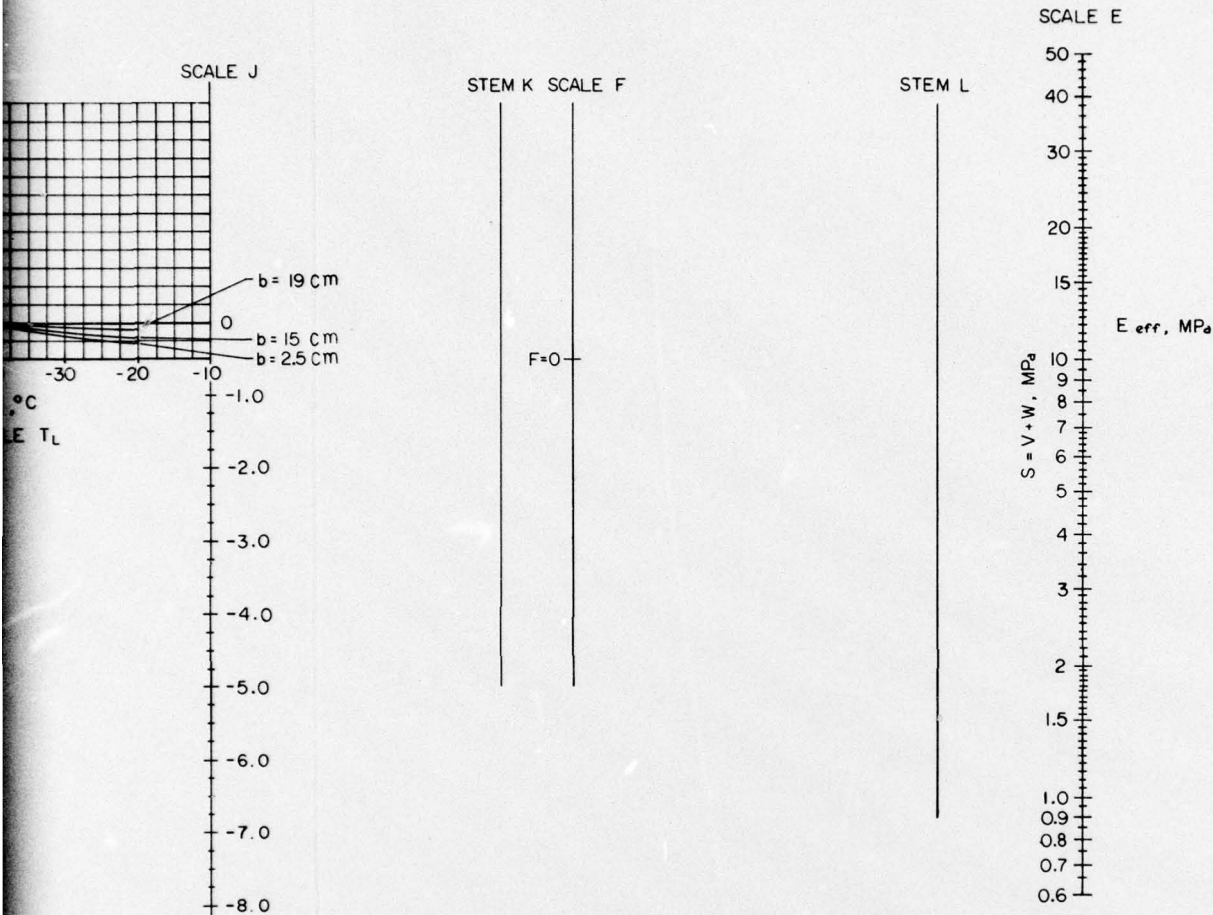
**RESULTS**

$E_{eff} = \text{--- MPa}$

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9. THIS INTERSECTION ON THE I SCALE IS PROJECTED HORIZONTALLY TO ITS IDENTICAL VALUE ON THE J SCALE.
10. CONNECT THIS POINT ON THE J SCALE WITH POINT F-0 ON THE F SCALE. MARK THE INTERSECTION k OF THE LINE ON STEM K. THIS POINT WILL BE USED AGAIN IN STEP 14.
11. ENTER AT THE LOWER TEMPERATURE  $T_L$  ON THE  $T_L$  SCALE.
12. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE INTERPOLATED b CURVE.
13. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE J SCALE AT j.
14. CONNECT POINTS j AND k (SEE STEP 10) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE F SCALE AT f.
15. CONNECT POINT f AND THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $S(V+W)$  ON THE E SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION l OF THIS LINE ON THE STEM L.
16. FROM F-0 ON THE F SCALE EXTEND A LINE THROUGH POINT l. CONTINUE THIS LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE E SCALE.
17. THIS INTERSECTION PROVIDES THE VALUE OF THE  $E_{eff}$  PARAMETER, WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR THE ANALYSES OF CHART 6. USE THIS QUANTITY IN STEP 4 OF CHART 6.

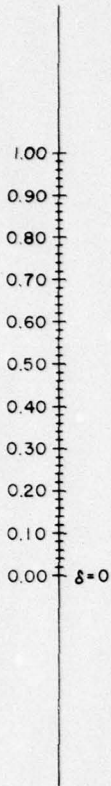

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CHART 4-TOTAL EFFECTIVE MODULUS  
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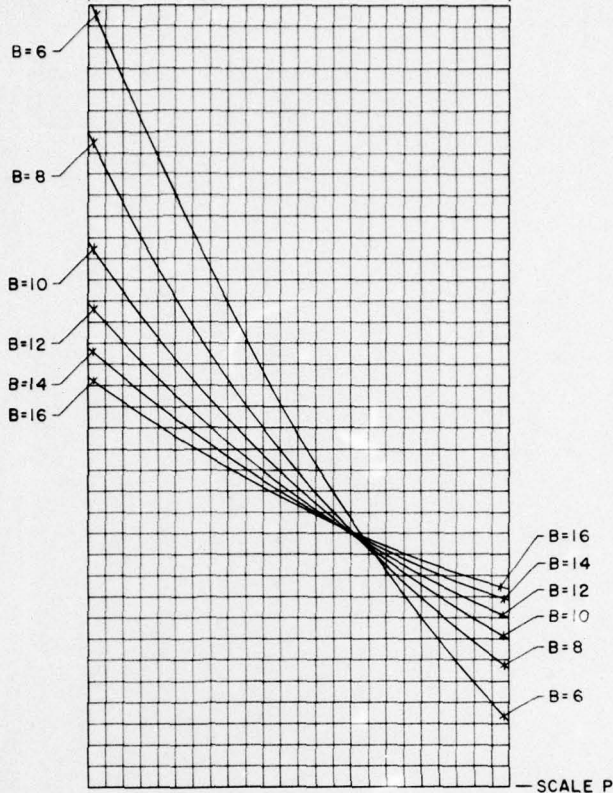
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SCALE  $\delta$



STEM Q

SCALE R



SCALE S

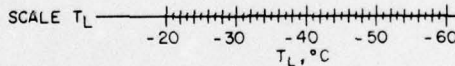
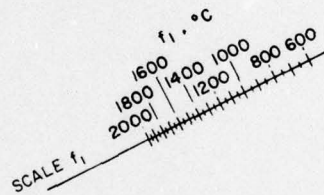
STEM U

REQUIRED PARAMETERS:

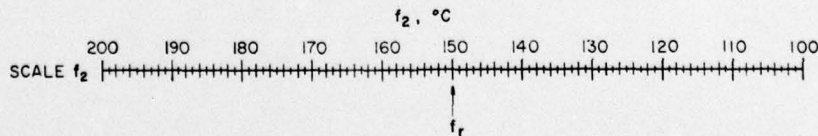
b = \_\_\_ cm  
 $T_L$  = \_\_\_ °C  
 $\delta$  = \_\_\_ [FROM CHART 2]  
 B = \_\_\_  
 $f_2$  = \_\_\_ °C  
 $f_1$  = \_\_\_ °C  
 $E(I) - E_e$  = \_\_\_ MPa

RESULT:

W = \_\_\_ MPa



STEM O \_\_\_\_\_



DIRECTIONS:

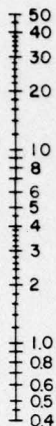
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2. CONNECT THIS POINT ON SC SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LI WITH STEM O AT 0.
3. CONNECT 0 AND THE POINT I EXTEND THIS LINE UNTIL IT
4. FROM THIS LAST INTERSECT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_1$  ON
5. FROM THIS INTERSECTION O UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE
6. FROM THIS INTERSECTION B INTERSECTS THE R SCALE
7. CONNECT r AND  $\delta=0$  (ON TH INTERSECTION OF THIS LIN
8. CONNECT q AND THE GIVEN IT INTERSECTS SCALE R.
9. FROM THIS POINT ON THE I UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE
10. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE
11. CONNECT THIS POINT ON S SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LI IT INTERSECTS STEM Y AT
12. CONNECT THE POINTS s AN INTERSECTION OF THIS LIN
13. CONNECT u AND THE GIVEN STRAIGHT LINE.
14. THE INTERSECTION OF THIS VALUE OF W. THIS QUANT CHART 4.

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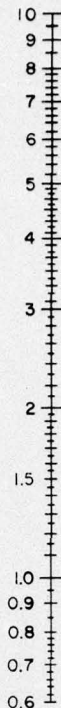
STEM U

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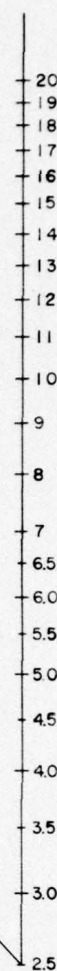
SCALE W  
W, MPa



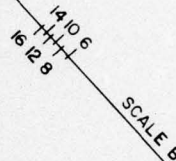
SCALE E  
E (I)-Ee, MPa



SCALE b  
b, cm



STEM Y



1. FIND THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_2$  ON SCALE  $f_2$ .

2. FIND POINT ON SCALE  $f_2$  AND THE GIVEN POINT OF  $T_L$  ON THE  $T_L$  SCALE. DRAW A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE ON SCALE  $f_1$  AT  $o$ .

3. FIND THE POINT  $r$  ON THE  $f_2$  SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. DRAW A STRAIGHT LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $T_L$  SCALE.

4. FROM THE LAST INTERSECTION DRAW A CONNECTING STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_1$  ON SCALE  $f_1$ . EXTEND THIS LINE UP TO THE P SCALE.

5. FROM THE INTERSECTION ON THE P SCALE DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN B CURVE.

6. FROM THE INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE R SCALE AT  $r$ .

7. FROM POINT  $\delta-o$  (ON THE  $\delta$  SCALE) WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM Q AT  $q$ .

8. FROM THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE  $\delta$  SCALE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS SCALE R.

9. FROM POINT ON THE R SCALE DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE TO THE RIGHT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE S SCALE AT  $s$ .

10. FROM THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $b$  ON THE  $b$  SCALE.

11. FROM POINT ON SCALE  $b$  AND THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $B$  ON THE B SCALE. DRAW A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS LINE TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT INTERSECTS STEM Y AT  $y$ .

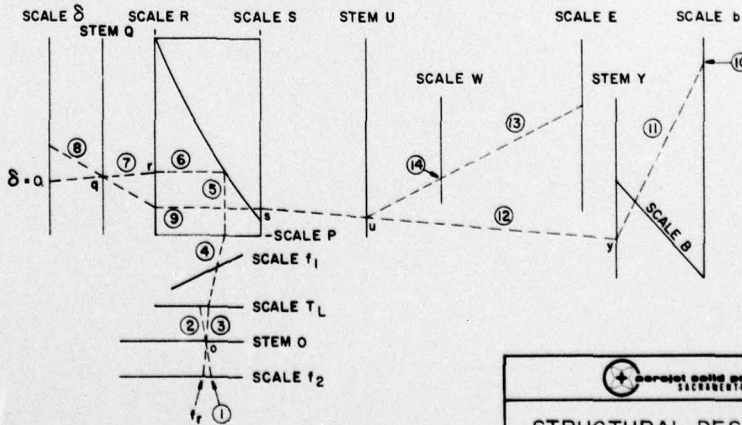
12. FROM POINTS  $s$  AND  $y$  WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM U AT  $u$ .


13. FROM THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $E(I)-E_e$  ON THE E SCALE WITH A STRAIGHT LINE.

14. FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LAST LINE WITH SCALE W GIVES THE REQUIRED VALUE. THIS QUANTITY PLUS  $v$  FROM CHART 1 GIVES  $S$  ON SCALE S.

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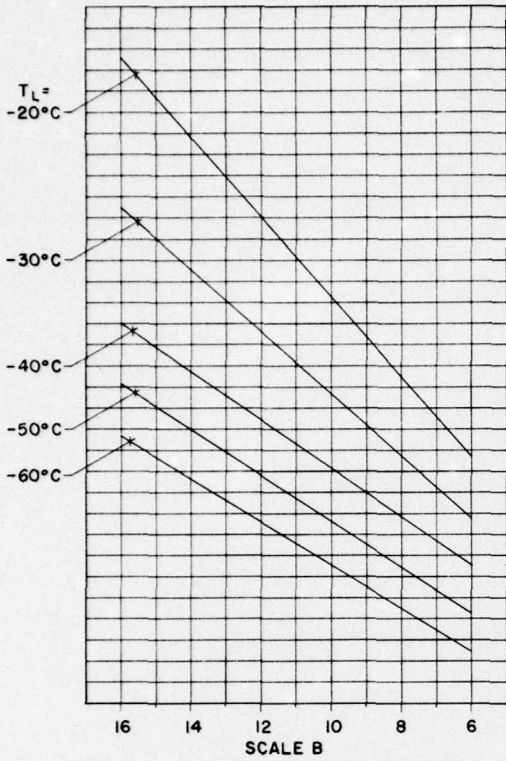


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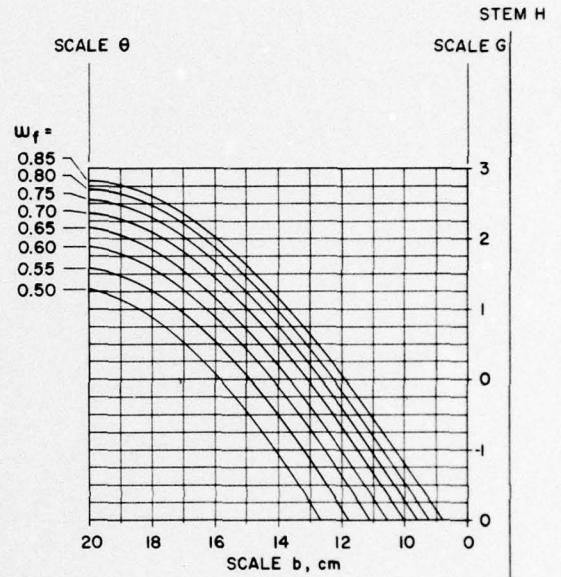
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CHART 3- VISCOELASTIC COMPONENT**

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SCALE K



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REQUIRED PARAMETERS

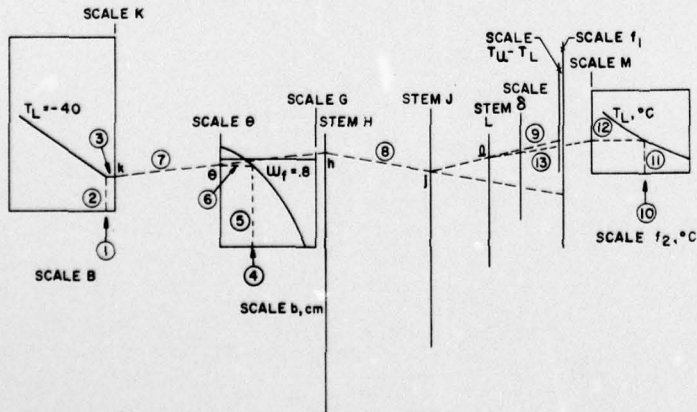
- b = \_\_\_ cm
- $\omega_f$  = \_\_\_
- B = \_\_\_
- $f_1$  = \_\_\_ °C
- $f_2$  = \_\_\_ °C
- $T_L$  = \_\_\_ °C
- $T_u - T_L$  = \_\_\_ °C

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RESULT:

$\delta$  = \_\_\_

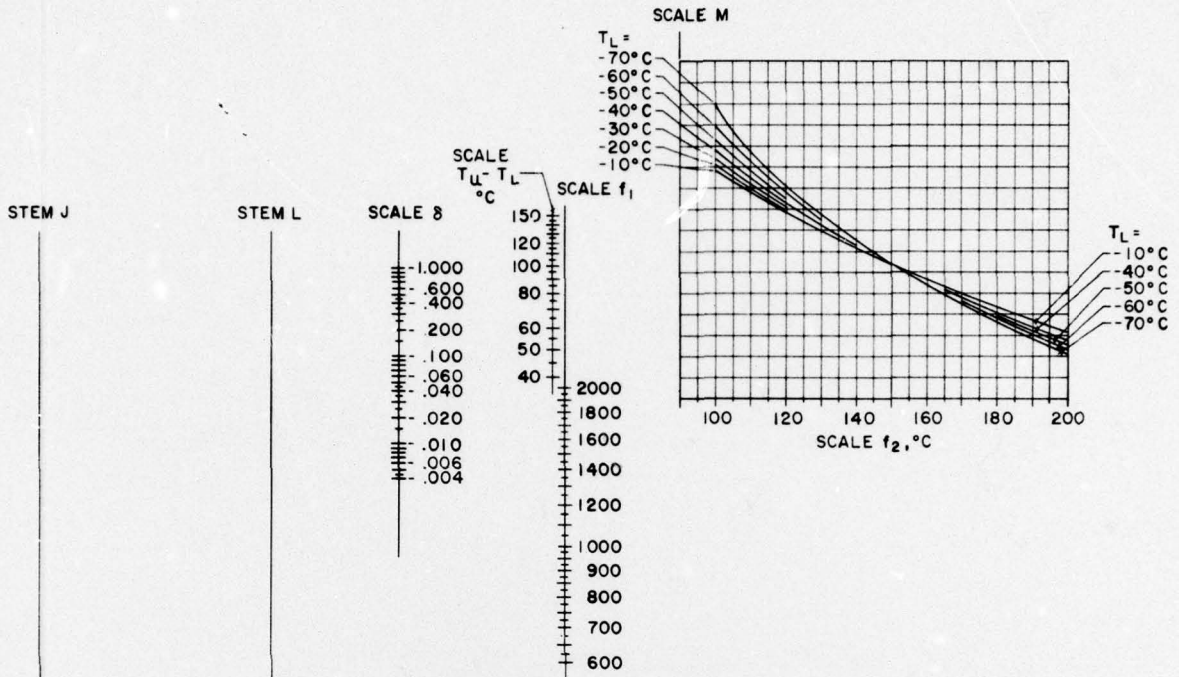
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DIRECTIONS: IF THE MOTOR RADIUS,  $b$ , IS LESS THAN 9 cm THIS CHART MAY BE OMITTED AND THE ENTRY ON CHART 3 WILL BE  $8 = 0$ .

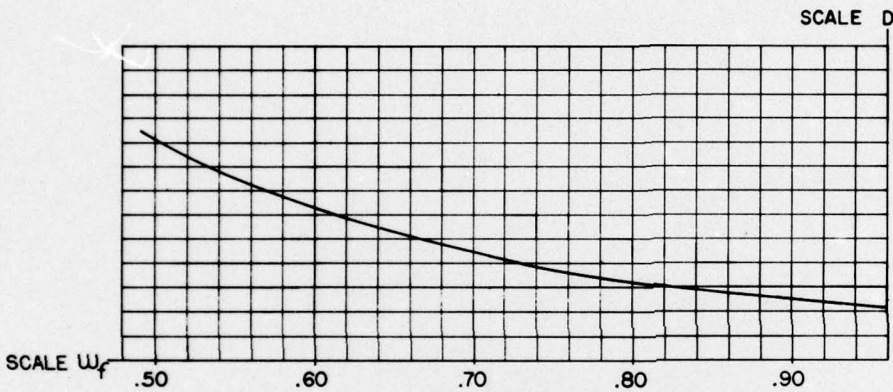
1. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $b$  ON SCALE B.
2. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN  $T_L$  CURVE.
3. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE K SCALE. MARK THIS INTERSECTION  $k$ .
4. ENTER AT THE GIVEN VALUE OF  $b$  ON SCALE B.
5. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE GIVEN  $\omega_f$  CURVE.
6. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $\theta$  SCALE. MARK THIS INTERSECTION  $\theta$ .
7. CONNECT POINTS  $k$  AND  $\theta$  WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THE LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS STEM H AT  $h$ .
8. CONNECT  $h$  AND THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE  $f_1$  SCALE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM J AT  $j$ .
9. DRAW A LINE BETWEEN  $j$  AND THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE  $T_u - T_L$  SCALE. MARK THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE STEM L AT  $l$ .
10. ENTER AT GIVEN VALUE OF  $f_2$  ON SCALE  $f_2$ .
11. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UPWARD UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE  $T_L$  CURVE.
12. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE M SCALE.
13. DRAW A LINE BETWEEN THIS INTERSECTION ON THE M SCALE AND THE POINT  $l$  ON STEM L.

THE INTERSECTION OF THIS LINE WITH THE B SCALE GIVES THE REQUIRED VALUE OF  $B$  THAT IS TO BE USED IN CHART 3, STEP 4.

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 CHART 2- TEMPERATURE DIFFERENTIAL



STEM C

SCALE  $E_e$ , MPa 50 40 30

+  
0

D=0

REQUIRED PARAMETERS:

$W_f = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$E_e = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  MPa

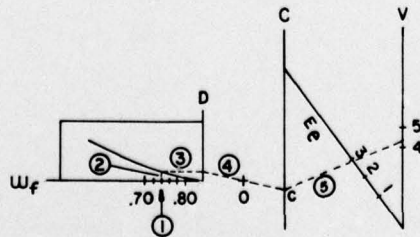
RESULT:

$V = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  MPa

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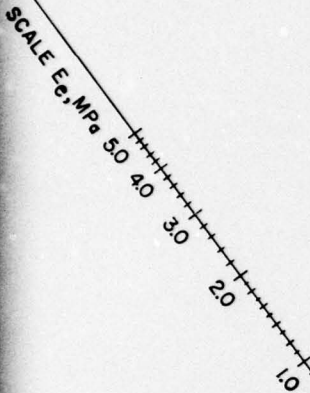
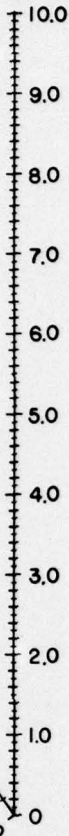
**SCHEMATIC EXAMPLE**



DIRECTIONS:

1. ENTER AT GIVEN VALUE ON SCALE  $W_f$
2. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UP TO THE CURVE
3. FROM THIS INTERSECTION POINT DRAW A VERTICAL LINE DOWN UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE STEM C
4. CONNECT THIS INTERSECTION POINT "O" WITH A VERTICAL LINE TO THE STEM C
5. IF THE VALUE OF  $E_e$  IS KNOWN THEN STEP 4 MARKED D=0 ON SCALE  $E_e$
6. FROM THE INTERSECTION POINT ON SCALE  $E_e$  DRAW A VERTICAL LINE DOWN TO THE STEM C
7. THIS INTERSECTION POINT IS THE RESULT OF THE ANALYSES OF CHART

SCALE V  
MPa



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- INSTRUCTIONS:
- 1. START AT GIVEN VALUE ON  $\omega_f$  SCALE.
  - 2. DRAW A VERTICAL LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE CURVE.
  - 3. FROM THIS INTERSECTION DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE PARALLEL TO THE GRID UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE D SCALE.
  - 4. CONNECT THIS INTERSECTION ON THE D SCALE AND THE CENTER OF THE CROSS AT POINT "O" WITH A STRAIGHT LINE. EXTEND THIS STRAIGHT LINE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE STEM C AT POINT c.
  - 5. IF THE VALUE OF D IS ZERO OR NEGLIGIBLE (CLOSE TO OR AT THE BASE LINE) THEN STEP 4 MAY BE BY-PASSED AND STEP 5 WOULD BEGIN AT THE POINT MARKED D-0 ON THE STEM C.
  - 6. FROM THE INTERSECTION POINT c ON THE STEM C EXTEND A LINE THROUGH THE GIVEN VALUE ON THE  $E_e$  SCALE UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE V SCALE.
  - 7. THIS INTERSECTION PROVIDES THE VALUE OF V WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR THE ANALYSES OF CHART 4. NOTE THIS QUANTITY ON THAT CHART.



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