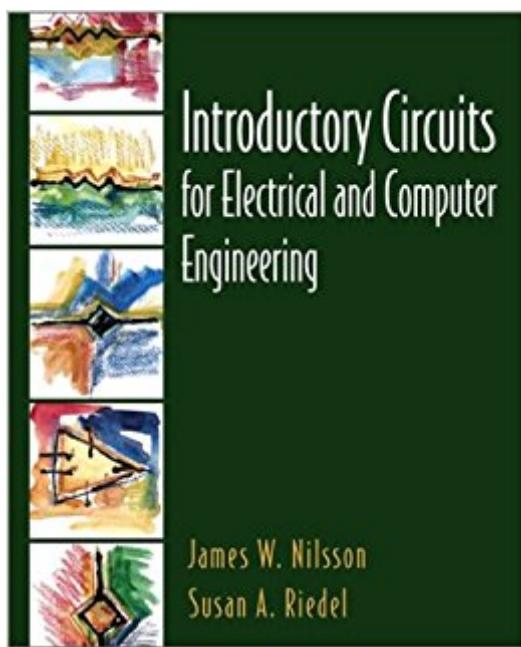


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# Introductory Circuits For Electrical And Computer Engineering



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This book was required for a course, and the previous reviewers are correct...this book sucks. Also, I ordered the hardcover edition of this book, yet in it's infinite wisdom (or is that total stupidity) sent me the softcover edition. Three weeks into the course and the binding is failing. Can't return the book because I need to have it in class, and I refuse to spend more money with a company that is unable to fulfill a simple order. , you suck at least as much as this book does! Perhaps Barnes and Noble will know the difference between hardcover and softcover.

This book is not very helpful! It needs better examples and more info. I was disappointed, would not recommend getting this book

I have a Bachelor's and Master's in Electronics and I decided to read this book to sharpen my skills. From the first chapter I felt incompetent and lost. This book makes simple concepts seem very difficult to grasp and in the drill exercises and examples, what the question is actually asking is unclear unless you go through the solution first. This is a very poor choice of recommendation as an introductory text. I'll still try to go through it as a challenge but I would definitely NOT recommend this book for anyone who's learning.

If anyone tells you this is a good book, then they are receiving bribes from Prentice Hall. The only possible explanation I can think of that would explain the use of this book, is if the class is intended to 'weed out' 90 percent of the students. This is by far the most terrible excuse for a textbook I have ever seen. It teaches the most basic concepts of circuits, but yet it practically assumes you already know them, because it doesn't bother to work any examples out. If these authors were teaching nuclear physics, they would give you an intimidating equation, hand you a chunk of uranium, and expect you to build a power plant without hurting yourself. I have found countless typos (I might mention that I own the 6th edition), several problems that even my professor claims are incorrect, and most of all, I cannot follow the logic presented whatsoever. I have taken many classes that were extremely difficult, and for the most part, I have done well. However, this book presents material that is trivial in comparison, but the book goes right over my head. Only after the professor 'decodes' the text can I understand what the authors intended to say. I will also add that I took 4 semesters of calculus through a distance learning class where I had no instructor at all and got As in all of those classes. I am perfectly capable of understanding a well written book. This book is truly so poor, I would be impressed if Einstein himself didn't scratch his eyebrows off after reading it. Please, for the love of all things sacred, complain to everyone you know about this textbook so it can disappear from the shelves of University bookstores.

This text book is absolutely horrible. I'm a third-year Mech Eng student. I've taken plenty of classes on hard subjects, so I know when a text book just plain sucks. This book does a pathetic job of explaining examples and basic concepts. I've spent hours trying to figure out assumptions that they should have just mentioned in the first place. And the poorly explained examples don't prepare you for the actual chapter problems. Because of the "wordy" writing style of the authors, basic concepts

sound more complicated than they actually are; getting through the reading is a slow and tedious process. The book is utterly sterile. The only colors you'll see inside it are black and a little blue; there isn't even a picture of an actual circuit in this book. It's like it's written for a machine.

I'm a second year EE engineering student with 20 years of electronics background in repairing, circuit analysis, and troubleshooting. This book is absolutely worthless. The author jumps to great leaps of understanding with little or no background to show the student how they got to those conclusions. The examples are non-existent. They use "conventional current" which is really backward to reality. It used to be called "hole theory" back in the day. Go with Boylestad or someone who has a clue about teaching. If you're a beginning electronics student, forget this book, you'll be lost by the 1st chapter. There are countless problems too lengthy to go into detail here. If your school is using it, spend the extra money and get something to actually learn from, just to pass the course.

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