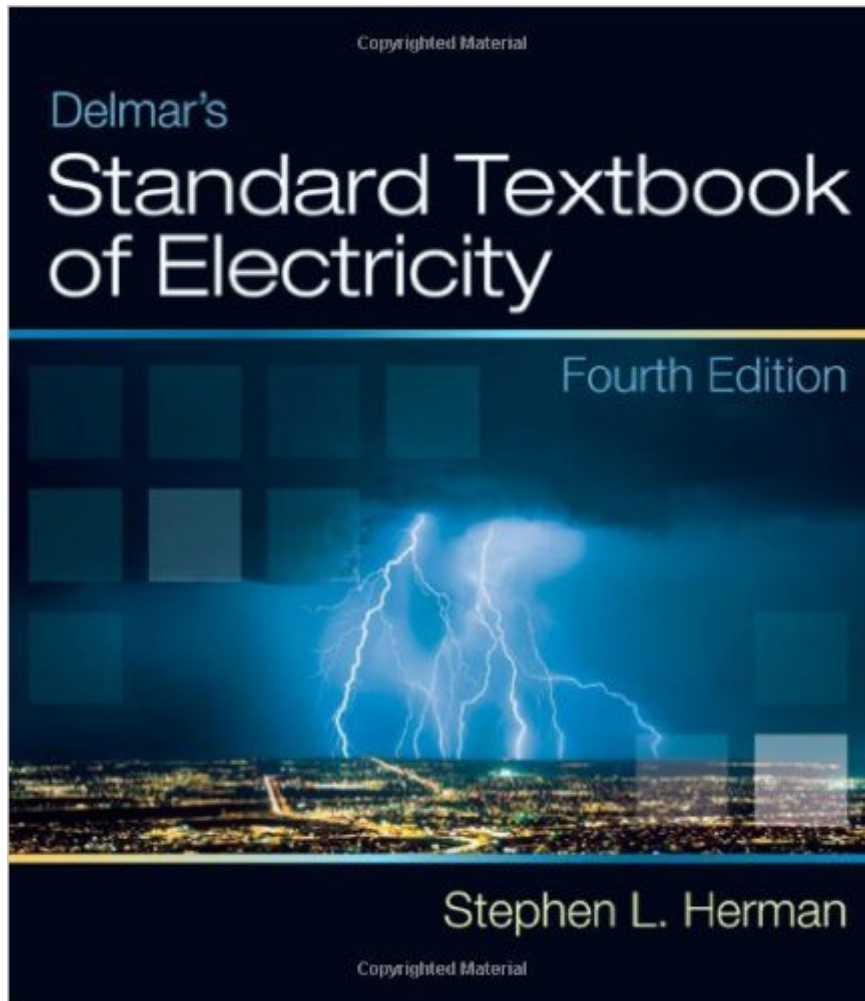


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This book is required reading for electrical apprentices in Canada. It has lots of practical information and illustrations that are good for the most part. However, I can't let the author off the hook for his incredibly sloppy treatment (poor understanding?) of basic theory. I blame this author for the fact that many electrical instructors are equally foggy on rudimentary theory and sloppy in their use of terminology, and pass their confusion on to generation after generation of students. A small example: the book states that the joule is the SI equivalent of the watt -- completely, inexcuseably fictional -- and then on the very next page it states a legitimate definition of a joule as being one

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