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P R E F A C E

Some 20 years ago we decided to write a textbook on 'Engineering Tribology' and to our pleasant surprise a publisher supported the idea. Students had requested a book suitable for the study of tribology and the existing textbooks were either too specialized or too literal in content. Many books provided exhaustive reviews of friction and wear data, while others contained detailed descriptions of the lubrication and wear problems occurring in machinery. A book which presents the concepts of tribology in terms useful to engineering students and engineers was, however, lacking.

In the books published at the time, the basic models of friction and wear were not explained adequately. As a result, more sophisticated concepts could not be well understood. The interdisciplinary nature of tribology, with knowledge drawn from different disciplines such as mechanical engineering, materials science, chemistry and physics, leads to a general tendency for the chemist to describe in detail, for example, lubricant additives, the mechanical engineer to discuss, for example, pad or journal bearings and so on, with no overall guide to the subject. In this book, the interaction between these different fields of knowledge to achieve the final result, the control of friction and wear, is emphasized. The interdisciplinary view of tribology was largely developed by Professor Alastair Cameron about four decades ago and this approach has proved to be the most successful way of analysing friction and wear problems.

In many cases tribology is viewed as an inaccessible subject which does not produce useful answers. In this 'Engineering Tribology' book we try to redress this problem. Rutherford's maxim, that 'any good scientific theory is explainable to the average barmaid', is applied in this book with various concepts explained in the simplest possible terms with supporting illustrations.

Now it is time to write the 4th edition with amendments in the same style as the earlier versions. The previous editions were received very favourably by the reviewers and especially by the students.

In the 4th edition of 'Engineering Tribology' we aim to update the contents of the third edition while maintaining its style. In this edition, a number of extra topics have been included to make the book more comprehensive and up to date. The listings of literature citations have been extended to include recent findings from tribology research. Extra diagrams have also been included where it was found that the readability and comprehension of the original text could be improved. Computer programs used in the numerical analysis have been upgraded to the current version of MATLAB. A new computer program 'SPIKE' for calculating the grit particle angularity has also been added. To provide opportunities for active learning, a series of revision questions are provided at the end of each chapter. This should be helpful in assessing the understanding for both students and lecturers. Despite all these changes, the purpose of writing 'Engineering Tribology' remains

the same, i.e., to provide a reader-friendly and comprehensive introduction to the subject of tribology and its implications for engineering.

This edition, like the previous editions, is intended for final year under-graduate and post-graduate students in mechanical engineering and professional engineers. The subject matter of the book is also relevant to materials engineering, applied chemistry, physics and bioengineering courses.

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