

Important Governing Equations and Sound Wave Formulas PDF



Formulas Examples with Units

List of 18 Important Governing Equations and Sound Wave Formulas

1) Critical Density Formula ↻

Formula

$$\rho_{cr} = \rho_0 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma - 1}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.7734 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 1.22 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{1.4 + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{1.4 - 1}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2) Critical Pressure Formula ↻

Formula

$$p_{cr} = \left(\frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}} \cdot P_0$$

Example with Units

$$2.6414 \text{ at} = \left(\frac{2}{1.4 + 1} \right)^{\frac{1.4}{1.4 - 1}} \cdot 5 \text{ at}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

3) Critical Temperature Formula ↻

Formula

$$T_{cr} = \frac{2 \cdot T_0}{\gamma + 1}$$

Example with Units

$$250 \text{ K} = \frac{2 \cdot 300 \text{ K}}{1.4 + 1}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

4) Flow Velocity Downstream of Sound Wave Formula ↻

Formula

$$u_2 = \sqrt{2 \cdot \left(\frac{a_1^2 - a_2^2}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{u_1^2}{2} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$45.0772 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{2 \cdot \left(\frac{12 \text{ m/s}^2 - 31.90 \text{ m/s}^2}{1.4 - 1} + \frac{80 \text{ m/s}^2}{2} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

5) Flow Velocity Upstream of Sound Wave Formula ↻

Formula

$$u_1 = \sqrt{2 \cdot \left(\frac{a_2^2 - a_1^2}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{u_2^2}{2} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$79.9566 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{2 \cdot \left(\frac{31.90 \text{ m/s}^2 - 12 \text{ m/s}^2}{1.4 - 1} + \frac{45 \text{ m/s}^2}{2} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



6) Isentropic Change across Sound Wave Formula ↻

Formula

$$\frac{dp}{p} = a^2 \frac{ds}{s}$$

Example with Units

$$117649 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2 = 343 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

7) Isentropic Compressibility for given Density and Speed of Sound Formula ↻

Formula

$$\tau_s = \frac{1}{\rho \cdot a^2}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0694 \text{ cm}^2/\text{N} = \frac{1}{1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 343 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

8) Mach Angle Formula ↻

Formula

$$\mu = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{M}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$30^\circ = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{M}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

9) Mach Number Formula ↻

Formula

$$M = \frac{V_b}{a}$$

Example with Units

$$2.0408 = \frac{700 \text{ m/s}}{343 \text{ m/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

10) Mayer's Formula Formula ↻

Formula

$$R = C_p - C_v$$

Example with Units

$$273 \text{ J}/(\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}) = 1005 \text{ J}/(\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}) - 732 \text{ J}/(\text{kg}\cdot\text{K})$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

11) Ratio of Stagnation and Static Density Formula ↻

Formula

$$\rho_r = \left(1 + \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{2}\right) \cdot M^2\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma - 1}}$$

Example

$$4.3469 = \left(1 + \left(\frac{1.4 - 1}{2}\right) \cdot 2^2\right)^{\frac{1}{1.4 - 1}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

12) Ratio of Stagnation and Static Pressure Formula ↻

Formula

$$P_r = \left(1 + \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{2}\right) \cdot M^2\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}}$$

Example

$$7.8244 = \left(1 + \left(\frac{1.4 - 1}{2}\right) \cdot 2^2\right)^{\frac{1.4}{1.4 - 1}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

13) Ratio of Stagnation and Static Temperature Formula ↻

Formula

$$T_r = 1 + \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{2}\right) \cdot M^2$$

Example

$$1.8 = 1 + \left(\frac{1.4 - 1}{2}\right) \cdot 2^2$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



14) Speed of Sound Formula

Formula

$$a = \sqrt{\gamma \cdot [R\text{-Dry-Air}] \cdot T_s}$$

Example with Units

$$344.9012 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{1.4 \cdot 287.058 \cdot 296 \text{ K}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

15) Speed of Sound Downstream of Sound Wave Formula

Formula

$$a_2 = \sqrt{(\gamma - 1) \cdot \left(\frac{u_1^2 - u_2^2}{2} + \frac{a_1^2}{\gamma - 1} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$31.9218 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{(1.4 - 1) \cdot \left(\frac{80 \text{ m/s}^2 - 45 \text{ m/s}^2}{2} + \frac{12 \text{ m/s}^2}{1.4 - 1} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

16) Speed of Sound given Isentropic Change Formula

Formula

$$a = \sqrt{dpdp}$$

Example with Units

$$343 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{117649 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

17) Speed of Sound Upstream of Sound Wave Formula

Formula

$$a_1 = \sqrt{(\gamma - 1) \cdot \left(\frac{u_2^2 - u_1^2}{2} + \frac{a_2^2}{\gamma - 1} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$11.9419 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{(1.4 - 1) \cdot \left(\frac{45 \text{ m/s}^2 - 80 \text{ m/s}^2}{2} + \frac{31.90 \text{ m/s}^2}{1.4 - 1} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

18) Stagnation Temperature Formula

Formula

$$T_0 = T_s + \frac{U_{\text{fluid}}^2}{2 \cdot c_p}$$

Example with Units

$$297.0119 \text{ K} = 296 \text{ K} + \frac{45.1 \text{ m/s}^2}{2 \cdot 1005 \text{ J}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{K})}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Governing Equations and Sound Wave Formulas above

- **a** Speed of Sound (Meter per Second)
- **a₁** Sound Speed Upstream (Meter per Second)
- **a₂** Sound Speed Downstream (Meter per Second)
- **C_p** Specific Heat Capacity at Constant Pressure (Joule per Kilogram per K)
- **C_v** Specific Heat Capacity at Constant Volume (Joule per Kilogram per K)
- **dpdp** Isentropic Change (Square Meter per Square Second)
- **M** Mach Number
- **P₀** Stagnation Pressure (Atmosphere Technical)
- **P_{cr}** Critical Pressure (Atmosphere Technical)
- **P_r** Stagnation to Static Pressure
- **R** Specific Gas Constant (Joule per Kilogram per K)
- **T₀** Stagnation Temperature (Kelvin)
- **T_{cr}** Critical Temperature (Kelvin)
- **T_r** Stagnation to Static Temperature
- **T_s** Static Temperature (Kelvin)
- **u₁** Flow Velocity Upstream of Sound (Meter per Second)
- **u₂** Flow Velocity Downstream of Sound (Meter per Second)
- **U_{fluid}** Velocity of Fluid Flow (Meter per Second)
- **V_b** Speed of Object (Meter per Second)
- **γ** Specific Heat Ratio
- **μ** Mach Angle (Degree)
- **ρ** Density (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **ρ_{cr}** Critical Density (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **ρ₀** Stagnation Density (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **ρ_r** Stagnation to Static Density

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Governing Equations and Sound Wave Formulas above

- **constant(s):** [R-Dry-Air], 287.058
Specific Gas Constant for Dry Air
- **Functions:** **asin**, asin(Number)
The inverse sine function, is a trigonometric function that takes a ratio of two sides of a right triangle and outputs the angle opposite the side with the given ratio.
- **Functions:** **sin**, sin(Angle)
Sine is a trigonometric function that describes the ratio of the length of the opposite side of a right triangle to the length of the hypotenuse.
- **Functions:** **sqrt**, sqrt(Number)
A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.
- **Measurement:** **Temperature** in Kelvin (K)
Temperature Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Pressure** in Atmosphere Technical (at)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree (°)
Angle Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Specific Heat Capacity** in Joule per Kilogram per K (J/(kg*K))
Specific Heat Capacity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m³)
Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Specific Energy** in Square Meter per Square Second (m²/s²)
Specific Energy Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Compressibility** in Square Centimeter per Newton (cm²/N)
Compressibility Unit Conversion 



- τ_s **Isentropic Compressibility** (*Square Centimeter per Newton*)



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