

# Important Formulas of Mooring Forces PDF



## Formulas Examples with Units

### List of 29 Important Formulas of Mooring Forces

#### 1) Angle of Current Relative to Longitudinal Axis of Vessel given Reynolds Number Formula



Formula

$$\theta_c = \arccos\left(\frac{Re_m \cdot v'}{V_c \cdot l_{wl}}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$1.4727 = \arccos\left(\frac{200 \cdot 7.25_{St}}{728.2461_{m/h} \cdot 7.32_m}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula

#### 2) Area Ratio given Expanded or Developed Blade Area of Propeller Formula

Formula

$$A_r = l_{wl} \cdot \frac{B}{A_p \cdot 0.838}$$

Example with Units

$$1.1647 = 7.32_m \cdot \frac{2_m}{15_{m^2} \cdot 0.838}$$

Evaluate Formula

#### 3) Average Current Speed for Form Drag of Vessel Formula

Formula

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{F_{c, form}}{0.5} \cdot \rho_{water} \cdot C_{c, form} \cdot B \cdot T \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}$$

Evaluate Formula

Example with Units

$$1434.8438_{m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{0.15_{kN}}{0.5} \cdot 1000_{kg/m^3} \cdot 5 \cdot 2_m \cdot 1.68_m \cdot \cos(1.150)}$$

#### 4) Average Current Speed given Reynolds Number Formula

Formula

$$V_c = \frac{Re \cdot v'}{l_{wl}} \cdot \cos(\theta_c)$$

Example with Units

$$728.2461_{m/h} = \frac{5000 \cdot 7.25_{St}}{7.32_m} \cdot \cos(1.150)$$

Evaluate Formula

#### 5) Axial Tension or Load given Individual Stiffness of Mooring Line Formula

Formula

$$T_{n'} = \Delta l_n \cdot k_n$$

Example with Units

$$160_{kN} = 1600_m \cdot 100.0$$

Evaluate Formula



## 6) Coefficient of Drag for Winds Measured at 10 m given Drag Force due to Wind Formula

Formula

$$C_D = \frac{F_D}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{air}} \cdot A \cdot V_{10}^2}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0024 = \frac{37.0 \text{ N}}{0.5 \cdot 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 52 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 22 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 7) Displacement of Vessel for Wetted Surface Area of Vessel Formula

Formula

$$D = \frac{T \cdot \left( S' - (1.7 \cdot T \cdot l_{wl}) \right)}{35}$$

Example with Units

$$27.7965 \text{ m}^3 = \frac{1.68 \text{ m} \cdot (600 \text{ m}^2 - (1.7 \cdot 1.68 \text{ m} \cdot 7.32 \text{ m}))}{35}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 8) Drag Force due to Wind Formula

Formula

$$F_D = 0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{air}} \cdot C_D \cdot A \cdot V_{10}^2$$

Example with Units

$$38.5385 \text{ N} = 0.5 \cdot 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 0.0025 \cdot 52 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 22 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 9) Elongation in Mooring Line given Individual Stiffness of Mooring Line Formula

Formula

$$\Delta l_n = \frac{T_n}{k_n}$$

Example with Units

$$1600 \text{ m} = \frac{160 \text{ kN}}{100.0}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 10) Elongation in Mooring Line given Percent Elongation in Mooring Line Formula

Formula

$$\Delta l_{\eta} = l_n \cdot \left( \frac{\varepsilon_m}{100} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$4.999 \text{ m} = 10 \text{ m} \cdot \left( \frac{49.99}{100} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 11) Expanded or Developed Blade Area of Propeller Formula

Formula

$$A_p = \frac{l_{wl} \cdot B}{0.838} \cdot A_r$$

Example with Units

$$20.2654 \text{ m}^2 = \frac{7.32 \text{ m} \cdot 2 \text{ m}}{0.838} \cdot 1.16$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 12) Form Drag Coefficient given Form Drag of Vessel Formula

Formula

$$C_{c, \text{form}} = \frac{F_{c, \text{form}}}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{water}} \cdot B \cdot T \cdot V_c^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$5.3414 = \frac{0.15 \text{ kN}}{0.5 \cdot 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 2 \text{ m} \cdot 1.68 \text{ m} \cdot 728.2461 \text{ m/h}^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)}$$

## 13) Individual Stiffness of Mooring Line Formula

Formula

$$k_{n'} = \frac{T_{n'}}{\Delta l_{n'}}$$

Example with Units

$$32064.1283 = \frac{160 \text{ kN}}{4.99 \text{ m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 14) Mass of Vessel given Virtual Mass of Vessel Formula

Formula

$$m = m_v - m_a$$

Example with Units

$$80 \text{ kN} = 100 \text{ kN} - 20 \text{ kN}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 15) Projected Area of Vessel above Waterline given Drag Force due to Wind Formula

Formula

$$A = \frac{F_D}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{air}} \cdot C_{D'} \cdot V_{10}^2}$$

Example with Units

$$49.9241 \text{ m}^2 = \frac{37.0 \text{ N}}{0.5 \cdot 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 0.0025 \cdot 22 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 16) Propeller Drag Coefficient given Propeller Drag Formula

Formula

$$C_{c, \text{prop}} = \frac{F_{c, \text{prop}}}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{water}} \cdot A_p \cdot V_c^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$1.9861 = \frac{249 \text{ N}}{0.5 \cdot 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 15 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 728.2461 \text{ m/h}^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)}$$

## 17) Propeller Drag due to Form Drag of Propeller with Locked Shaft Formula

Formula

$$F_{c, \text{prop}} = 0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{water}} \cdot C_{c, \text{prop}} \cdot A_p \cdot V_c^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$249.485 \text{ N} = 0.5 \cdot 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 1.99 \cdot 15 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 728.2461 \text{ m/h}^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)$$



## 18) Reynolds Number given Skin Friction Coefficient Formula

Formula

$$Re_s = \frac{V_c \cdot l_{wl} \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}{v'}$$

Example with Units

$$834.31 = \frac{728.2461 \text{ m/h} \cdot 7.32 \text{ m} \cdot \cos(1.150)}{7.25 \text{ st}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 19) Skin Friction Coefficient given Skin Friction of Vessel Formula

Formula

$$c_f = \frac{F_{c,fric}}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{water} \cdot S \cdot V_{cs}^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.7605 = \frac{42}{0.5 \cdot 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 4 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 0.26 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 20) Skin Friction of Vessel due to Flow of Water over Wetted Surface Area of Vessel Formula

Formula

$$F_{c,fric} = 0.5 \cdot \rho_{water} \cdot c_f \cdot S \cdot V_{cs}^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)$$

Example with Units

$$39.7638 = 0.5 \cdot 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 0.72 \cdot 4 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 0.26 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 21) Undamped Natural Period of Vessel Formula

Formula

$$T_n = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \left( \sqrt{\frac{m_v}{k_{tot}}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.1745 \text{ h} = 2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot \left( \sqrt{\frac{100 \text{ kN}}{10.0 \text{ N/m}}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 22) Velocity at Desired Elevation Formula

Formula

$$V_z = V_{10} \cdot \left( \frac{z}{10} \right)^{0.11}$$

Example with Units

$$28.6258 \text{ m/s} = 22 \text{ m/s} \cdot \left( \frac{109.50 \text{ m}}{10} \right)^{0.11}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 23) Vessel Draft given Form Drag of Vessel Formula

Formula

$$T = \frac{F_{c, \text{form}}}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{water}} \cdot C_{c, \text{form}} \cdot B \cdot V_c^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$1.7947 \text{ m} = \frac{0.15 \text{ kN}}{0.5 \cdot 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 2 \text{ m} \cdot 728.2461 \text{ m/h}^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)}$$

## 24) Virtual Mass of Vessel Formula

Formula

$$m_v = m + m_a$$

Example with Units

$$100 \text{ kN} = 80 \text{ kN} + 20 \text{ kN}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 25) Waterline Length of Vessel for Wetted Surface Area of Vessel Formula

Formula

$$l_{wl} = \frac{S' - \left(35 \cdot \frac{D}{T}\right)}{1.7} \cdot T'$$

Example with Units

$$7.0588 \text{ m} = \frac{600 \text{ m}^2 - \left(35 \cdot \frac{27 \text{ m}^3}{1.595 \text{ m}}\right)}{1.7} \cdot 1.595 \text{ m}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 26) Waterline Length of Vessel given Expanded or Developed Blade Area Formula

Formula

$$l_{wl} = \frac{A_p \cdot 0.838 \cdot A_r}{B}$$

Example with Units

$$7.2906 \text{ m} = \frac{15 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 0.838 \cdot 1.16}{2 \text{ m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 27) Waterline Length of Vessel given Reynolds Number Formula

Formula

$$l_{wl} = \frac{Re \cdot v'}{V_c} \cdot \cos(\theta_c)$$

Example with Units

$$7.32 \text{ m} = \frac{5000 \cdot 7.25 \text{ St}}{728.2461 \text{ m/h}} \cdot \cos(1.150)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 28) Wetted Surface Area of Vessel Formula

Formula

$$S' = \left(1.7 \cdot T \cdot l_{wl}\right) + \left(\frac{35 \cdot D}{T}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$583.4059 \text{ m}^2 = \left(1.7 \cdot 1.68 \text{ m} \cdot 7.32 \text{ m}\right) + \left(\frac{35 \cdot 27 \text{ m}^3}{1.68 \text{ m}}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 29) Wind Speed at Standard Elevation of 10 m given Velocity at Desired Elevation Formula

Formula

$$V_{10} = \frac{V_z}{\left(\frac{z}{10}\right)^{0.11}}$$

Example with Units

$$20.3662 \text{ m/s} = \frac{26.5 \text{ m/s}}{\left(\frac{109.50 \text{ m}}{10}\right)^{0.11}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## Variables used in list of Important Formulas of Mooring Forces above

- **A** Projected Area of the Vessel (Square Meter)
- **A<sub>p</sub>** Expanded or Developed Blade Area of a Propeller (Square Meter)
- **A<sub>r</sub>** Area Ratio
- **B** Vessel Beam (Meter)
- **C<sub>c, form</sub>** Form Drag Coefficient
- **C<sub>c, prop</sub>** Propeller Drag Coefficient
- **C<sub>D</sub>** Coefficient of Drag
- **C<sub>f</sub>** Skin Friction Coefficient
- **D** Displacement of a Vessel (Cubic Meter)
- **F<sub>c, form</sub>** Form Drag of a Vessel (Kilonewton)
- **F<sub>c, prop</sub>** Vessel Propeller Drag (Newton)
- **F<sub>c, fric</sub>** Skin Friction of a Vessel
- **F<sub>D</sub>** Drag Force (Newton)
- **k<sub>n</sub>** Individual Stiffness of a Mooring Line
- **k<sub>n</sub>** Individual Mooring Line Stiffness
- **k<sub>tot</sub>** Effective Spring Constant (Newton per Meter)
- **l<sub>wl</sub>** Waterline Length of a Vessel (Meter)
- **l<sub>n</sub>** Length of Mooring Line (Meter)
- **m** Mass of a Vessel (Kilonewton)
- **m<sub>a</sub>** Mass of Vessel due to Inertial Effects (Kilonewton)
- **m<sub>v</sub>** Virtual Mass of the Ship (Kilonewton)
- **Re** Reynolds Number
- **Re<sub>m</sub>** Reynolds Number for Mooring Forces
- **Re<sub>s</sub>** Reynolds Number for Skin Friction
- **S** Wetted Surface Area (Square Meter)
- **S'** Wetted Surface Area of Vessel (Square Meter)
- **T** Vessel Draft (Meter)
- **T<sub>n</sub>** Undamped Natural Period of a Vessel (Hour)
- **T<sub>n</sub>** Axial Tension or Load on a Mooring Line (Kilonewton)

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Important Formulas of Mooring Forces above

- **constant(s):** pi, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288  
Archimedes' constant
- **Functions:** acos, acos(Number)  
The inverse cosine function, is the inverse function of the cosine function. It is the function that takes a ratio as an input and returns the angle whose cosine is equal to that ratio.
- **Functions:** cos, cos(Angle)  
Cosine of an angle is the ratio of the side adjacent to the angle to the hypotenuse of the triangle.
- **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: Length** in Meter (m)  
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Time** in Hour (h)  
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Volume** in Cubic Meter (m³)  
Volume Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Meter (m²)  
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Hour (m/h), Meter per Second (m/s)  
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Force** in Kilonewton (kN), Newton (N)  
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Surface Tension** in Newton per Meter (N/m)  
Surface Tension Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Kinematic Viscosity** in Stokes (St)  
Kinematic Viscosity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m³)  
Density Unit Conversion 



- $T'$  Draft in Vessel (Meter)
- $V$  Longshore Current Speed (Meter per Second)
- $V_{10}$  Wind Speed at Height of 10 m (Meter per Second)
- $V_c$  Average Current Speed (Meter per Hour)
- $V_{cs}$  Average Current Speed for Skin Friction (Meter per Second)
- $V_z$  Velocity at the Desired Elevation  $z$  (Meter per Second)
- $z$  Desired Elevation (Meter)
- $\Delta l_n$  Mooring Line Elongation (Meter)
- $\Delta l_n'$  Elongation in the Mooring Line (Meter)
- $\epsilon_m$  Percent Elongation in a Mooring Line
- $\theta_c$  Angle of the Current
- $\nu'$  Kinematic Viscosity in Stokes (Stokes)
- $\rho_{air}$  Air Density (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- $\rho_{water}$  Water Density (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)



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