

Important Non-Linear Wave Theory Formulas PDF



Formulas Examples with Units

List of 14 Important Non-Linear Wave Theory Formulas

1) First Type of Mean Fluid Speed Formula ↻

Formula

$$U_h = C_f \cdot v$$

Example with Units

$$14 \text{ m/s} = 64 \text{ m/s} \cdot 50 \text{ m/s}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2) Mean Depth given Second Type of Mean Fluid Speed Formula ↻

Formula

$$d = \frac{V_{\text{rate}}}{C_f \cdot U_h}$$

Example with Units

$$10 \text{ m} = \frac{500 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{64 \text{ m/s} \cdot 14 \text{ m/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

3) Mean Depth given Ursell Number Formula ↻

Formula

$$d = \left(\frac{H_w \cdot \lambda_o^2}{U} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Example with Units

$$10 \text{ m} = \left(\frac{3 \text{ m} \cdot 7 \text{ m}^2}{0.147} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

4) Mean Depth in Stokes' Second Approximation to Wave Speed if there is no Mass Transport Formula ↻

Formula

$$d = \frac{V_{\text{rate}}}{v}$$

Example with Units

$$10 \text{ m} = \frac{500 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{50 \text{ m/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



5) Relative Height of Highest Wave as Function of Wavelength Obtained by Fenton Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$\text{Hmd} = \frac{0.141063 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right) + 0.0095721 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right)^2 + 0.0077829 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right)^3}{1 + 0.078834 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right) + 0.0317567 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right)^2 + 0.0093407 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right)^3}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0988 = \frac{0.141063 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{ m}}{10\text{ m}}\right) + 0.0095721 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{ m}}{10\text{ m}}\right)^2 + 0.0077829 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{ m}}{10\text{ m}}\right)^3}{1 + 0.078834 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{ m}}{10\text{ m}}\right) + 0.0317567 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{ m}}{10\text{ m}}\right)^2 + 0.0093407 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{ m}}{10\text{ m}}\right)^3}$$

6) Second Type of Mean Fluid Speed Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$U_h = C_f \cdot \left(\frac{V_{\text{rate}}}{d}\right)$$

$$14\text{ m/s} = 64\text{ m/s} \cdot \left(\frac{500\text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{10\text{ m}}\right)$$

7) Stokes' Second Approximation to Wave Speed if there is no Mass Transport Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$v = \frac{V_{\text{rate}}}{d}$$

$$50\text{ m/s} = \frac{500\text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{10\text{ m}}$$

8) Ursell Number Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$U = \frac{H_w \cdot \lambda_o^2}{d^3}$$

$$0.147 = \frac{3\text{ m} \cdot 7\text{ m}^2}{10\text{ m}^3}$$

9) Volume Flow Rate in Stokes' Second Approximation to Wave Speed if there is no Mass Transport Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$V_{\text{rate}} = v \cdot d$$

$$500\text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 50\text{ m/s} \cdot 10\text{ m}$$

10) Volume Flow Rate per unit Span Underneath Waves given Second Type of Mean Fluid Speed Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$V_{\text{rate}} = d \cdot \left(C_f \cdot U_h\right)$$

$$500\text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 10\text{ m} \cdot \left(64\text{ m/s} \cdot 14\text{ m/s}\right)$$



11) Wave Height given Ursell Number Formula

Formula

$$H_w = \frac{U \cdot d^3}{\lambda_o^2}$$

Example with Units

$$3_m = \frac{0.147 \cdot 10_m^3}{7_m^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

12) Wave Speed given First Type of Mean Fluid Speed Formula

Formula

$$v = C_f - U_h$$

Example with Units

$$50_{m/s} = 64_{m/s} - 14_{m/s}$$

Evaluate Formula 

13) Wave Speed given Second Type of Mean Fluid Speed Formula

Formula

$$C_f = U_h + \left(\frac{V_{rate}}{d} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$64_{m/s} = 14_{m/s} + \left(\frac{500_{m^3/s}}{10_m} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

14) Wavelength given Ursell Number Formula

Formula

$$\lambda_o = \left(\frac{U \cdot d^3}{H_w} \right)^{0.5}$$

Example with Units

$$7_m = \left(\frac{0.147 \cdot 10_m^3}{3_m} \right)^{0.5}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Non-Linear Wave Theory Formulas above

- **C_f** Fluid Stream Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **d** Coastal Mean Depth (Meter)
- **H_w** Wave Height for Surface Gravity Waves (Meter)
- **H_{md}** Relative Height as a function of Wavelength
- **U** Ursell Number
- **U_h** Mean Horizontal Fluid Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **v** Wave Speed (Meter per Second)
- **V_{rate}** Rate of Volume Flow (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **λ_o** Deep-Water Wavelength (Meter)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Non-Linear Wave Theory Formulas above

- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m³/s)
Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion 



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