

Important Photogrammetry Stadia and Compass Surveying Formulas PDF



Formulas
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with Units

List of 17 Important Photogrammetry Stadia and Compass Surveying Formulas

1) Photogrammetry Formulas ↻

1.1) Elevation of Point, Line or Area Formula ↻

Formula

$$h_1 = \left(H - \left(\frac{f_{\text{len}}}{P} \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$9\text{m} = \left(11\text{m} - \left(\frac{4.2\text{m}}{2.1} \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

1.2) Flying Height of Airplane above Datum Formula ↻

Formula

$$H = \left(\left(\frac{f_{\text{len}}}{P} \right) + h_1 \right)$$

Example with Units

$$11\text{m} = \left(\left(\frac{4.2\text{m}}{2.1} \right) + 9\text{m} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

1.3) Focal Length of Lens given Photo Scale Formula ↻

Formula

$$f_{\text{len}} = \left(P \cdot (H - h_1) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$4.2\text{m} = \left(2.1 \cdot (11\text{m} - 9\text{m}) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

1.4) Photo Scale given Focal Length Formula ↻

Formula

$$P = \left(\frac{f_{\text{len}}}{H - h_1} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$2.1 = \left(\frac{4.2\text{m}}{11\text{m} - 9\text{m}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2) Stadia Surveying Formulas ↻

2.1) Additive Constant or Stadia Constant Formula ↻

Formula

$$C = (f + D_c)$$

Example with Units

$$10\text{m} = (2\text{m} + 8\text{m})$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



2.2) Distance Equation given Index Error Formula

Formula

$$D = \left(K_M \cdot \frac{s_i}{m - e} \right) + C_{\text{add}}$$

Example with Units

$$35.5\text{m} = \left(12 \cdot \frac{3\text{m}}{3.1 - 1.5} \right) + 13$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.3) Horizontal Distance between Center of Transit and Rod Formula

Formula

$$H_{\text{Horizontal}} = \left(K \cdot R_i \cdot (\cos(a))^2 \right) + (fc \cdot \cos(a))$$

Example with Units

$$26.904\text{m} = \left(11.1 \cdot 3.2\text{m} \cdot (\cos(30^\circ))^2 \right) + (0.3048\text{m} \cdot \cos(30^\circ))$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.4) Horizontal Distance using Gradienter Formula

Formula

$$D = s_i \cdot \frac{100 \cdot \cos(x)^2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot x)}{m \cdot c}$$

Example with Units

$$10.9857\text{m} = 3\text{m} \cdot \frac{100 \cdot \cos(20^\circ)^2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 20^\circ)}{3.1 \cdot 2.5\text{m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.5) Intercept on Rod between Two Sighting Wires Formula

Formula

$$R = \frac{D_s}{\left(\frac{f}{R_i} \right) + C}$$

Example with Units

$$6.0235\text{m} = \frac{64\text{m}}{\left(\frac{2\text{m}}{3.2\text{m}} \right) + 10\text{m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.6) Stadia Distance from Instrument Spindle to Rod Formula

Formula

$$D_s = R \cdot \left(\left(\frac{f}{R_i} \right) + C \right)$$

Example with Units

$$63.75\text{m} = 6\text{m} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{2\text{m}}{3.2\text{m}} \right) + 10\text{m} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.7) Stadia Interval Formula

Formula

$$S_i = m \cdot P_{\text{screw}}$$

Example with Units

$$15.5\text{m} = 3.1 \cdot 5\text{m}$$

Evaluate Formula 



2.8) Staff Intercept Formula ↻

Formula

$$s_i = D \cdot (\tan(\theta_1) - \tan(\theta_2))$$

Example with Units

$$3.9827 \text{ m} = 35.5 \text{ m} \cdot (\tan(25^\circ) - \tan(19.5^\circ))$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2.9) Staff Intercept in Gradiometer given Horizontal Distance Formula ↻

Formula

$$s_i = \frac{D}{\frac{100 \cdot \cos(x)^2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot x)}{m \cdot c}}$$

Example with Units

$$9.6944 \text{ m} = \frac{35.5 \text{ m}}{\frac{100 \cdot \cos(20^\circ)^2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 20^\circ)}{3.1 \cdot 2.5 \text{ m}}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2.10) Staff Intercept in Gradiometer given Vertical Distance Formula ↻

Formula

$$s_i = \frac{V}{\frac{100 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot x) \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(x)^2}{m \cdot c}}$$

Example with Units

$$8.2456 \text{ m} = \frac{4 \text{ m}}{\frac{100 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 20^\circ) \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(20^\circ)^2}{3.1 \cdot 2.5 \text{ m}}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2.11) Vertical Distance between Center of Transit and Rod Intersected by Middle Horizontal Crosshair Formula ↻

Formula

$$V = \frac{1}{2 \cdot ((K \cdot R_i \cdot \sin(2 \cdot a)) + (fc \cdot \sin(a)))}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0162 \text{ m} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot ((11.1 \cdot 3.2 \text{ m} \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 30^\circ)) + (0.3048 \text{ m} \cdot \sin(30^\circ)))}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2.12) Vertical Distance between Instrument Axis and Lower Vane Formula ↻

Formula

$$V = D \cdot \tan(\theta_2)$$

Example with Units

$$12.5712 \text{ m} = 35.5 \text{ m} \cdot \tan(19.5^\circ)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2.13) Vertical Distance using Gradiometer Formula ↻

Formula

$$V = s_i \cdot \frac{100 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot x) \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(x)^2}{m \cdot c}$$

Example with Units

$$1.4553 \text{ m} = 3 \text{ m} \cdot \frac{100 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 20^\circ) \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(20^\circ)^2}{3.1 \cdot 2.5 \text{ m}}$$



Evaluate Formula ↻



Variables used in list of Photogrammetry Stadia and Compass Surveying Formulas above

- **a** Vertical Inclination of Line of Sight (Degree)
- **c** Distance in One Turn (Meter)
- **C** Stadia Constant (Meter)
- **C_{add}** Additive Constant
- **D** Distance between Two Points (Meter)
- **D_C** Distance from Center (Meter)
- **D_S** Stadia Distance (Meter)
- **e** Index Error
- **f** Focal Length of Telescope (Meter)
- **f_{len}** Focal Length of Lens (Meter)
- **fc** Instrument Constant (Meter)
- **H** Flying Height of Airplane (Meter)
- **h₁** Elevation of Point (Meter)
- **H_{Horizontal}** Horizontal Distance (Meter)
- **K** Stadia Factor
- **K_M** Multiplying Constant
- **m** Revolution of Screw
- **P** Photo Scale
- **P_{screw}** Pitch Screw (Meter)
- **R** Intercept on Rod (Meter)
- **R_i** Rod Intercept (Meter)
- **s_i** Staff Intercept (Meter)
- **S_i** Stadia Interval (Meter)
- **V** Vertical Distance (Meter)
- **x** Vertical Angle (Degree)
- **θ₁** Vertical Angle to Upper Vane (Degree)
- **θ₂** Vertical Angle to Lower Vane (Degree)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Photogrammetry Stadia and Compass Surveying Formulas above

- **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: 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: tan**, tan(Angle)
The tangent of an angle is a trigonometric ratio of the length of the side opposite an angle to the length of the side adjacent to an angle in a right triangle.
- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Angle** in Degree (°)
Angle Unit Conversion 



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