

# Important Three-Dimensional Incompressible Flow Formulas PDF



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## List of 29 Important Three-Dimensional Incompressible Flow Formulas

### 1) 3D Elementary Flows Formulas ↻

#### 1.1) Doublet Strength for 3D Incompressible Flow Formula ↻

Formula

$$\mu = -\frac{4 \cdot \pi \cdot \phi \cdot r^2}{\cos(\theta)}$$

Example with Units

$$9463.1812 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = -\frac{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot -75.72 \text{ m}^2/\text{s} \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^2}{\cos(0.7 \text{ rad})}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

#### 1.2) Radial Coordinate for 3D Doublet Flow given Velocity Potential Formula ↻

Formula

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{\text{mod } \underline{us}(\mu) \cdot \cos(\theta)}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot \text{mod } \underline{us}(\phi_s)}}$$

Example with Units

$$8.485 \text{ m} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{mod } \underline{us}(9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}) \cdot \cos(0.7 \text{ rad})}{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot \text{mod } \underline{us}(-8 \text{ m}^2/\text{s})}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

#### 1.3) Radial Coordinate for 3D Source Flow given Radial Velocity Formula ↻

Formula

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot V_r}}$$

Example with Units

$$2.757 \text{ m} = \sqrt{\frac{277 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}}{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.9 \text{ m}/\text{s}}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

#### 1.4) Radial Coordinate for 3D Source Flow given Velocity Potential Formula ↻

Formula

$$r = -\frac{\Lambda}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot \phi_s}$$

Example with Units

$$2.7554 \text{ m} = -\frac{277 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}}{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot -8 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

#### 1.5) Radial Velocity for 3D Incompressible Source Flow Formula ↻

Formula

$$V_r = \frac{\Lambda}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^2}$$

Example with Units

$$2.8979 \text{ m}/\text{s} = \frac{277 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}}{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



## 1.6) Source Strength for 3D Incompressible Source Flow given Radial Velocity Formula

Formula

$$\Lambda = 4 \cdot \pi \cdot V_r \cdot r^2$$

Example with Units

$$277.202 \text{ m}^2/\text{s} = 4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.9 \text{ m/s} \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 1.7) Source Strength for 3D Incompressible Source Flow given Velocity Potential Formula

Formula

$$\Lambda = -4 \cdot \pi \cdot \phi_s \cdot r$$

Example with Units

$$277.2644 \text{ m}^2/\text{s} = -4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot -8 \text{ m}^2/\text{s} \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 1.8) Velocity Potential for 3D Incompressible Doublet Flow Formula

Formula

$$\phi = -\frac{\mu \cdot \cos(\theta)}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^2}$$

Example with Units

$$-75.7185 \text{ m}^2/\text{s} = -\frac{9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \cdot \cos(0.7 \text{ rad})}{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 1.9) Velocity Potential for 3D Incompressible Source Flow Formula

Formula

$$\phi_s = -\frac{\Lambda}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot r}$$

Example with Units

$$-7.9924 \text{ m}^2/\text{s} = -\frac{277 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}}{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 2) Flow over Sphere Formulas

### 2.1) Pressure Coefficient Formulas

#### 2.1.1) Polar Coordinate given Surface Pressure Coefficient Formula

Formula

$$\theta = \arcsin\left(\sqrt{\frac{4}{9} \cdot (1 - C_p)}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.7001 \text{ rad} = \arcsin\left(\sqrt{\frac{4}{9} \cdot (1 - 0.066)}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 2.1.2) Surface Pressure Coefficient for Flow over Sphere Formula

Formula

$$C_p = 1 - \frac{9}{4} \cdot (\sin(\theta))^2$$

Example with Units

$$0.0662 = 1 - \frac{9}{4} \cdot (\sin(0.7 \text{ rad}))^2$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 2.2) Radial Velocity Formulas

### 2.2.1) Doublet Strength given Radial Velocity Formula

Formula

$$\mu = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot r^3 \cdot \left( V_\infty + \frac{V_r}{\cos(\theta)} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$9463.1664 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \left( 68 \text{ m/s} + \frac{2.9 \text{ m/s}}{\cos(0.7 \text{ rad})} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.2.2) Freestream Velocity given Radial Velocity Formula

Formula

$$V_\infty = \frac{\mu}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot r^3} - \frac{V_r}{\cos(\theta)}$$

Example with Units

$$67.9987 \text{ m/s} = \frac{9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^3} - \frac{2.9 \text{ m/s}}{\cos(0.7 \text{ rad})}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.2.3) Polar Coordinate given Radial Velocity Formula

Formula

$$\theta = \arccos \left( \frac{V_r}{\frac{\mu}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot r^3} - V_\infty} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.6996 \text{ rad} = \arccos \left( \frac{2.9 \text{ m/s}}{\frac{9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^3} - 68 \text{ m/s}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.2.4) Radial Coordinate given Radial Velocity Formula

Formula

$$r = \left( \frac{\mu}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \left( V_\infty + \frac{V_r}{\cos(\theta)} \right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Example with Units

$$2.758 \text{ m} = \left( \frac{9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot \left( 68 \text{ m/s} + \frac{2.9 \text{ m/s}}{\cos(0.7 \text{ rad})} \right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.2.5) Radial Velocity for Flow over Sphere Formula

Formula

$$V_r = - \left( V_\infty - \frac{\mu}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot r^3} \right) \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

Example with Units

$$2.899 \text{ m/s} = - \left( 68 \text{ m/s} - \frac{9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^3} \right) \cdot \cos(0.7 \text{ rad})$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 2.3) Stagnation Point Formulas

### 2.3.1) Doublet Strength given Radial Coordinate of Stagnation Point Formula

Formula

$$\mu = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot V_{\infty} \cdot R_s^3$$

Example with Units

$$9469.8696 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 68 \text{ m/s} \cdot 2.809 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.3.2) Freestream Velocity at Stagnation Point for Flow over Sphere Formula

Formula

$$V_{\infty} = \frac{\mu}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_s^3}$$

Example with Units

$$67.9507 \text{ m/s} = \frac{9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.809 \text{ m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.3.3) Radial Coordinate of Stagnation Point for Flow over Sphere Formula

Formula

$$r = \left( \frac{\mu}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot V_{\infty}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Example with Units

$$2.8083 \text{ m} = \left( \frac{9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 68 \text{ m/s}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 2.4) Surface Velocity Formulas

### 2.4.1) Freestream Velocity given Maximum Surface Velocity Formula

Formula

$$V_{\infty} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot V_{s,\max}$$

Example with Units

$$68 \text{ m/s} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 102 \text{ m/s}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.4.2) Freestream Velocity given Surface Velocity for Flow over Sphere Formula

Formula

$$V_{\infty} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{V_{\theta}}{\sin(\theta)}$$

Example with Units

$$68.2999 \text{ m/s} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{66 \text{ m/s}}{\sin(0.7 \text{ rad})}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.4.3) Maximum Surface Velocity for Flow over Sphere Formula

Formula

$$V_{s,\max} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot V_{\infty}$$

Example with Units

$$102 \text{ m/s} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot 68 \text{ m/s}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.4.4) Polar Coordinate given Surface Velocity for Flow over Sphere Formula

Formula

$$\theta = \text{asin} \left( \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{V_{\theta}}{V_{\infty}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.7037 \text{ rad} = \text{asin} \left( \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{66 \text{ m/s}}{68 \text{ m/s}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 2.4.5) Surface Velocity for Incompressible Flow over Sphere Formula

Formula

$$V_{\theta} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot V_{\infty} \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

Example with Units

$$65.7102 \text{ m/s} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot 68 \text{ m/s} \cdot \sin(0.7 \text{ rad})$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 2.5) Tangential Velocity Formulas

### 2.5.1) Doublet Strength given Tangential Velocity Formula

Formula

$$\mu = 4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^3 \cdot \left( \frac{V_{\theta}}{\sin(\theta)} - V_{\infty} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$9081.9661 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \left( \frac{66 \text{ m/s}}{\sin(0.7 \text{ rad})} - 68 \text{ m/s} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.5.2) Freestream Velocity given Tangential Velocity Formula

Formula

$$V_{\infty} = \frac{V_{\theta}}{\sin(\theta)} - \frac{\mu}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^3}$$

Example with Units

$$66.5547 \text{ m/s} = \frac{66 \text{ m/s}}{\sin(0.7 \text{ rad})} - \frac{9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.5.3) Polar Coordinate given Tangential Velocity Formula

Formula

$$\theta = \text{asin} \left( \frac{V_{\theta}}{V_{\infty} + \frac{\mu}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^3}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.6883 \text{ rad} = \text{asin} \left( \frac{66 \text{ m/s}}{68 \text{ m/s} + \frac{9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^3}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.5.4) Radial Coordinate given Tangential Velocity Formula

Formula

$$r = \left( \frac{\mu}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot \left( \frac{V_{\theta}}{\sin(\theta)} - V_{\infty} \right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Example with Units

$$2.796 \text{ m} = \left( \frac{9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot \left( \frac{66 \text{ m/s}}{\sin(0.7 \text{ rad})} - 68 \text{ m/s} \right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Formula

$$V_{\theta} = \left( V_{\infty} + \frac{\mu}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^3} \right) \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

Example with Units

$$66.9311 \text{ m/s} = \left( 68 \text{ m/s} + \frac{9463 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{4 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 2.758 \text{ m}^3} \right) \cdot \sin(0.7 \text{ rad})$$



## Variables used in list of Three-Dimensional Incompressible Flow Formulas above

- $C_p$  Pressure Coefficient
- $r$  Radial Coordinate (Meter)
- $R_s$  Radius of Sphere (Meter)
- $V_\infty$  Freestream Velocity (Meter per Second)
- $V_r$  Radial Velocity (Meter per Second)
- $V_{s,max}$  Maximum Surface Velocity (Meter per Second)
- $V_\theta$  Tangential Velocity (Meter per Second)
- $\theta$  Polar Angle (Radian)
- $\Lambda$  Source Strength (Square Meter per Second)
- $\mu$  Doublet Strength (Cubic Meter per Second)
- $\Phi$  Velocity Potential (Square Meter per Second)
- $\Phi_s$  Source Velocity Potential (Square Meter per Second)

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Three-Dimensional Incompressible Flow Formulas above

- **constant(s):**  $\pi$ , 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288  
*Archimedes' constant*
- **Functions: acos**,  $\text{acos}(\text{Number})$   
*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: asin**,  $\text{asin}(\text{Number})$   
*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: cos**,  $\text{cos}(\text{Angle})$   
*Cosine of an angle is the ratio of the side adjacent to the angle to the hypotenuse of the triangle.*
- **Functions: modulus**,  $\text{modulus}$   
*Modulus of a number is the remainder when that number is divided by another number.*
- **Functions: sin**,  $\text{sin}(\text{Angle})$   
*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**,  $\text{sqrt}(\text{Number})$   
*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: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)  
*Speed Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Angle** in Radian (rad)  
*Angle Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )  
*Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Velocity Potential** in Square Meter per Second ( $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ )  
*Velocity Potential Unit Conversion* 



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