

# Important Cable System, Sag and Drainage on Bridges Formulas PDF



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## List of 17 Important Cable System, Sag and Drainage on Bridges Formulas

### 1) Cable Systems Formulas ↻

#### 1.1) Cable Tension using Natural Frequency of Each Cable Formula ↻

Formula

$$T = \left( \left( \omega_n \cdot \frac{L_{\text{span}}}{n} \cdot \pi \right)^2 \right) \cdot \frac{q}{[g]}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

Example with Units

$$600.9406 \text{ kN} = \left( \left( 5.1 \text{ Hz} \cdot \frac{15 \text{ m}}{9.9} \cdot 3.1416 \right)^2 \right) \cdot \frac{10.0 \text{ kN/m}}{9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

#### 1.2) Fundamental Vibration Mode given Natural Frequency of Each Cable Formula ↻

Formula

$$n = \frac{\omega_n \cdot \pi \cdot L_{\text{span}}}{\sqrt{T}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{q}{[g]}}$$

Example with Units

$$9.9078 = \frac{5.1 \text{ Hz} \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 15 \text{ m}}{\sqrt{600 \text{ kN}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{10.0 \text{ kN/m}}{9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

#### 1.3) Natural Frequency of Each Cable Formula ↻

Formula

$$\omega_n = \left( \frac{n}{\pi \cdot L_{\text{span}}} \right) \cdot \sqrt{T \cdot \frac{[g]}{q}}$$

Example with Units

$$5.096 \text{ Hz} = \left( \frac{9.9}{3.1416 \cdot 15 \text{ m}} \right) \cdot \sqrt{600 \text{ kN} \cdot \frac{9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2}{10.0 \text{ kN/m}}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



## 1.4) Span of Cable given Natural Frequency of Each Cable Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$L_{\text{span}} = \left( \frac{n}{\pi \cdot \omega_n} \right) \cdot \sqrt{T \cdot \left( \frac{[g]}{q} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$14.9883 \text{ m} = \left( \frac{9.9}{3.1416 \cdot 5.1 \text{ Hz}} \right) \cdot \sqrt{600 \text{ kN} \cdot \left( \frac{9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2}{10.0 \text{ kN/m}} \right)}$$

## 2) Catenary Cable Sag and Distance between Supports Formulas

### 2.1) Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$c = \left( \frac{T_s}{q} \right) - d$$

Example with Units

$$19.56 \text{ m} = \left( \frac{210 \text{ kN}}{10.0 \text{ kN/m}} \right) - 1.44 \text{ m}$$

### 2.2) Maximum Sag given Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$d = (-c) + \left( \frac{T_s}{q} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$1.44 \text{ m} = (-19.56 \text{ m}) + \left( \frac{210 \text{ kN}}{10.0 \text{ kN/m}} \right)$$

### 2.3) Span of Cable given Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$L_{\text{span}} = 2 \cdot c$$

Example with Units

$$39.12 \text{ m} = 2 \cdot 19.56 \text{ m}$$

### 2.4) Tension at Supports given Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$T_s = (d + c) \cdot q$$

Example with Units

$$210 \text{ kN} = (1.44 \text{ m} + 19.56 \text{ m}) \cdot 10.0 \text{ kN/m}$$

### 2.5) Total Sag given Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$f_{\text{cable}} = d + c$$

Example with Units

$$21 \text{ m} = 1.44 \text{ m} + 19.56 \text{ m}$$

### 2.6) UDL given Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$q = \frac{T_s}{d + c}$$

Example with Units

$$10 \text{ kN/m} = \frac{210 \text{ kN}}{1.44 \text{ m} + 19.56 \text{ m}}$$



### 3) Rainwater Accumulation and Drainage on Bridges Formulas

#### 3.1) Average Rainfall Intensity given Runoff Rate of Rainwater from Bridge during Rainstorm Formula

Formula

$$I = \frac{q_p}{1.00083 \cdot C_r \cdot A_{\text{catchment}}}$$

Example with Units

$$16.0003 \text{ mm/min} = \frac{1.256 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{1.00083 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 9412 \text{ m}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 3.2) Deck Width for Handling Rainwater Runoff to Drain Scuppers Formula

Formula

$$w = S + \frac{t}{3}$$

Example with Units

$$4.5 \text{ m} = 2.5 \text{ m} + \frac{6}{3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 3.3) Drainage Area given Runoff Rate of Rainwater from Bridge during Rainstorm Formula

Formula

$$A_{\text{catchment}} = \frac{q_p}{1.00083 \cdot C_r \cdot I}$$

Example with Units

$$9412.1879 \text{ m}^2 = \frac{1.256 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{1.00083 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 16 \text{ mm/min}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 3.4) Runoff Coefficient given Runoff Rate of Rainwater from Bridge during Rainstorm Formula

Formula

$$C_r = \frac{q_p}{1.00083 \cdot I \cdot A_{\text{catchment}}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.5 = \frac{1.256 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{1.00083 \cdot 16 \text{ mm/min} \cdot 9412 \text{ m}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 3.5) Runoff Rate of Rainwater from Bridge during Rainstorm Formula

Formula

$$q_p = 1.00083 \cdot C_r \cdot I \cdot A_{\text{catchment}}$$

Example with Units

$$1.256 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 1.00083 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 16 \text{ mm/min} \cdot 9412 \text{ m}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 3.6) Shoulder Width for Deck Width of Rainwater Runoff to Drain Scuppers Formula

Formula

$$S = w - \left(\frac{t}{3}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$2.5 \text{ m} = 4.5 \text{ m} - \left(\frac{6}{3}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 3.7) Traffic Lane given Deck Width for Handling Rainwater Runoff to Drain Scuppers Formula

Formula

$$t = (w - S) \cdot 3$$

Example with Units

$$6 = (4.5 \text{ m} - 2.5 \text{ m}) \cdot 3$$








Evaluate Formula 



## Variables used in list of Cable System, Sag and Drainage on Bridges Formulas above




- **A<sub>catchment</sub>** Catchment Area for Rainstorm (Square Meter)
- **c** Catenary Parameter (Meter)
- **C<sub>r</sub>** Runoff Coefficient
- **d** Maximum Sag (Meter)
- **f<sub>cable</sub>** Sag of Cable (Meter)
- **I** Intensity of Rainfall (Millimeter per Minute)
- **L<sub>span</sub>** Cable Span (Meter)
- **n** Fundamental Vibration Mode
- **q** Uniformly Distributed Load (Kilonewton per Meter)
- **q<sub>p</sub>** Peak Rate of Runoff (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **S** Shoulder Width (Meter)
- **f** Number of Traffic Lane
- **T** Cable Tension (Kilonewton)
- **T<sub>s</sub>** Tension at Supports (Kilonewton)
- **w** Width of Deck (Meter)
- **ω<sub>n</sub>** Natural Frequency (Hertz)

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Cable System, Sag and Drainage on Bridges Formulas above

- **constant(s):** pi, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288  
Archimedes' constant
- **constant(s):** [g], 9.80665  
Gravitational acceleration on Earth
- **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: Area** in Square Meter (m<sup>2</sup>)  
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Millimeter per Minute (mm/min)  
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Force** in Kilonewton (kN)  
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Frequency** in Hertz (Hz)  
Frequency Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m<sup>3</sup>/s)  
Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Surface Tension** in Kilonewton per Meter (kN/m)  
Surface Tension Unit Conversion 



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