

Important Runoff Density and Form Factor Formulas PDF



**Formulas
Examples
with Units**

List of 17 Important Runoff Density and Form Factor Formulas

1) Drainage Density Formulas ↻

1.1) Catchment Area given Drainage Density Formula ↻

Formula

$$A_{\text{catchment}} = \frac{L_s}{D_d}$$

Example with Units

$$2 \text{ m}^2 = \frac{80 \text{ km}}{40}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

1.2) Drainage Density Formula ↻

Formula

$$D_d = \frac{L_s}{A_{\text{catchment}}}$$

Example with Units

$$40 = \frac{80 \text{ km}}{2.0 \text{ m}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

1.3) Length of all Streams given Drainage Density Formula ↻

Formula

$$L_s = D_d \cdot A_{\text{catchment}}$$

Example with Units

$$80 \text{ km} = 40 \cdot 2.0 \text{ m}^2$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2) Form Factors Formulas ↻

2.1) Aerial Length of Basin given Form Factor Formula ↻

Formula

$$L_b = \frac{W_b}{F_f}$$

Example with Units

$$30 \text{ m} = \frac{0.24 \text{ m}}{0.008}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

2.2) Form Factor given Shape Factor Formula ↻

Formula

$$F_f = \frac{1}{B_s}$$

Example

$$0.0008 = \frac{1}{1250}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



2.3) Form Factor given Width of Basin Formula

Formula

$$F_f = \frac{W_b}{L_b}$$

Example with Units

$$0.008 = \frac{0.24\text{m}}{30\text{m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.4) Form Factor using Watershed Dimensions Formula

Formula

$$F_f = \frac{A}{L^2}$$

Example with Units

$$0.008 = \frac{20\text{m}^2}{50\text{m}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.5) Shape Factor given Watershed Length Formula

Formula

$$B_s = \frac{(L)^2}{A_{\text{catchment}}}$$

Example with Units

$$1250 = \frac{(50\text{m})^2}{2.0\text{m}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.6) Watershed Area given Form Factor Formula

Formula

$$A = F_f \cdot L^2$$

Example with Units

$$20\text{m}^2 = 0.008 \cdot 50\text{m}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.7) Watershed Area given Shape Factor Formula

Formula

$$A = \frac{L^2}{B_s}$$

Example with Units

$$2\text{m}^2 = \frac{50\text{m}^2}{1250}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.8) Watershed Length given Form Factor Formula

Formula

$$L = \left(\frac{A}{F_f} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Example with Units

$$50\text{m} = \left(\frac{20\text{m}^2}{0.008} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.9) Watershed Length given Shape Factor Formula

Formula

$$L = \sqrt{B_s \cdot A_{\text{catchment}}}$$

Example with Units

$$50\text{m} = \sqrt{1250 \cdot 2.0\text{m}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.10) Width of Basin given Form Factor Formula

Formula

$$W_b = F_f \cdot L_b$$

Example with Units

$$0.24\text{m} = 0.008 \cdot 30\text{m}$$

Evaluate Formula 



3) Stream Density Formulas

3.1) Catchment Area given Stream Density Formula

Formula

$$A_{\text{catchment}} = \frac{Ns}{D_s}$$

Example with Units

$$2 \text{ m}^2 = \frac{12}{6}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.2) Length of Overland Flow Formula

Formula

$$L_o = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot D_s$$

Example with Units

$$3 \text{ m} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot 6$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.3) Number of Streams given Stream Density Formula

Formula

$$Ns = D_s \cdot A_{\text{catchment}}$$

Example with Units

$$12 = 6 \cdot 2.0 \text{ m}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.4) Stream Density Formula

Formula

$$D_s = \frac{Ns}{A_{\text{catchment}}}$$

Example with Units

$$6 = \frac{12}{2.0 \text{ m}^2}$$



Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Runoff Density and Form Factor Formulas above

- **A** Watershed Area (Square Meter)
- **A_{catchment}** Catchment Area (Square Meter)
- **B_s** Shape Factor
- **D_d** Drainage Density
- **D_s** Stream Density
- **F_f** Form Factor
- **L** Watershed Length (Meter)
- **L_b** Length of Basin (Meter)
- **L_O** Length of Overland Flow (Meter)
- **L_s** Length of all Streams of Catchment (Kilometer)
- **N_s** Number of Streams
- **W_b** Width of Basin (Meter)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Runoff Density and Form Factor Formulas above

- **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 Kilometer (km), Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion 



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