

Important Lateral Control Formulas PDF



Formulas Examples with Units

List of 10 Important Lateral Control Formulas

1) Aileron Control Effectiveness given Aileron Deflection Formula

Formula

$$\tau = \frac{C_l}{C_{l\alpha} \cdot \delta_a}$$

Example with Units

$$0.6636 = \frac{0.073}{0.02 \cdot 5.5 \text{ rad}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2) Aileron Deflection given Aileron Lift Coefficient Formula

Formula

$$C_l = \frac{2 \cdot C_{l\alpha w} \cdot \tau \cdot \delta_a}{S \cdot b} \cdot \int (c \cdot x, x, y_1, y_2)$$

Example with Units

$$0.0731 = \frac{2 \cdot 0.23 \cdot 0.66 \cdot 5.5 \text{ rad}}{17 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 200 \text{ m}} \cdot \int (2.1 \text{ m} \cdot x, x, 1.5 \text{ m}, 12 \text{ m})$$

Evaluate Formula 

3) Aileron Section lift Coefficient given Aileron Deflection Formula

Formula

$$C_l = C_{l\alpha} \cdot \left(\frac{d\alpha}{d\delta_a} \right) \cdot \delta_a$$

Example with Units

$$0.0733 = 0.02 \cdot \left(\frac{3.0 \text{ rad}}{4.5 \text{ rad}} \right) \cdot 5.5 \text{ rad}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4) Aileron Section Lift Coefficient given Control Effectiveness Formula

Formula

$$C_l = C_{l\alpha} \cdot \tau \cdot \delta_a$$

Example with Units

$$0.0726 = 0.02 \cdot 0.66 \cdot 5.5 \text{ rad}$$

Evaluate Formula 

5) Deflection Angle given Lift Coefficient Formula

Formula

$$\delta_a = \frac{C_l}{C_{l\alpha} \cdot \tau}$$

Example with Units

$$5.5303 \text{ rad} = \frac{0.073}{0.02 \cdot 0.66}$$

Evaluate Formula 



6) Lift Coefficient Slope Roll Control Formula

Formula

$$C_{l\alpha} = \frac{C_l}{\delta_a \cdot \tau}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0201 = \frac{0.073}{5.5 \text{ rad} \cdot 0.66}$$

Evaluate Formula 

7) Lift Coefficient with respect to Roll Rate Formula

Formula

$$Cl = - \left(\frac{2 \cdot p}{S_r \cdot b \cdot u_0} \right) \cdot \int \left(Cl_\alpha \cdot c \cdot x^2, x, 0, \frac{b}{2} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$0.038 = - \left(\frac{2 \cdot 0.5 \text{ rad/s}^2}{184 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 200 \text{ m} \cdot 50 \text{ m/s}} \right) \cdot \int \left(-0.1 \cdot 2.1 \text{ m} \cdot x^2, x, 0, \frac{200 \text{ m}}{2} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

8) Lift given Roll Rate Formula

Formula

$$L = -2 \cdot \int \left(Cl_\alpha \cdot \left(\frac{p \cdot x}{u_0} \right) \cdot Q \cdot c \cdot x, x, 0, \frac{b}{2} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$770 \text{ N} = -2 \cdot \int \left(-0.1 \cdot \left(\frac{0.5 \text{ rad/s}^2 \cdot x}{50 \text{ m/s}} \right) \cdot 0.55 \text{ rad/s}^2 \cdot 2.1 \text{ m} \cdot x, x, 0, \frac{200 \text{ m}}{2} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

9) Roll Control Power Formula

Formula

$$Cl_{\delta\alpha} = \frac{2 \cdot C_{l\alpha w} \cdot \tau}{S \cdot b} \cdot \int (c \cdot x, x, y_1, y_2)$$

Example with Units

$$0.0133 \text{ rad} = \frac{2 \cdot 0.23 \cdot 0.66}{17 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 200 \text{ m}} \cdot \int (2.1 \text{ m} \cdot x, x, 1.5 \text{ m}, 12 \text{ m})$$

Evaluate Formula 



Formula

$$Cl_p = - \frac{4 \cdot C_{l\alpha w}}{S \cdot b^2} \cdot \int \left(c \cdot x^2, x, 0, \frac{b}{2} \right)$$

Example with Units







$$-0.9471 = - \frac{4 \cdot 0.23}{17 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 200 \text{ m}^2} \cdot \int \left(2.1 \text{ m} \cdot x^2, x, 0, \frac{200 \text{ m}}{2} \right)$$



Variables used in list of Lateral Control Formulas above

- **b** Wingspan (Meter)
- **c** Chord (Meter)
- **C_l** Lift Coefficient Roll Control
- **C_{l α}** Lift Coefficient Slope Roll Control
- **C_{l α w}** Derivative of Wing Lift Coefficient
- **Cl** Lift Coefficient with respect to Roll Rate
- **C_{l ρ}** Roll Damping Coefficient
- **C_{l α}** Lift Curve Slope
- **C_{l $\delta\alpha$}** Roll Control Power (Radian)
- **d α** Rate of change of Angle of Attack (Radian)
- **d δ_a** Rate of change of Deflection of Aileron (Radian)
- **L** Lift with respect to Roll Rate (Newton)
- **p** Roll Rate (Radian per Square Second)
- **Q** Pitch Rate (Radian per Square Second)
- **S** Wing Area (Square Meter)
- **S_r** Wing reference Area (Square Meter)
- **u₀** Reference Velocity across X Axis (Meter per Second)
- **y₁** Initial Length (Meter)
- **y₂** Final Length (Meter)
- **δ_a** Deflection of Aileron (Radian)
- **T** Flap Effectiveness Parameter

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Lateral Control Formulas above

- **Functions:** **int**, int(expr, arg, from, to)
The definite integral can be used to calculate net signed area, which is the area above the x-axis minus the area below the x-axis.
- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Force** in Newton (N)
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Angle** in Radian (rad)
Angle Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Angular Acceleration** in Radian per Square Second (rad/s²)
Angular Acceleration Unit Conversion 



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