

Important Aero Thermal Dynamics Formulas PDF



Formulas Examples with Units

List of 16 Important Aero Thermal Dynamics Formulas

1) Aerodynamic Heating to Surface Formula

Formula

$$q_w = \rho_e \cdot u_e \cdot St \cdot (h_{aw} - h_w)$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$14.4261 \text{ W/m}^2 = 98.3 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 8.8 \text{ m/s} \cdot 0.005956 \cdot (102 \text{ J/kg} - 99.2 \text{ J/kg})$$

2) Chapman-Rubesin Factor Formula

Formula

$$C = \frac{\rho \cdot v}{\rho_e \cdot \mu_e}$$

Example with Units

$$0.75 = \frac{997 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 7.25 \text{ St}}{98.3 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 0.098043 \text{ P}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3) Coefficient of Friction using Stanton Equation for Incompressible Flow Formula

Formula

$$C_f = \frac{St}{0.5 \cdot Pr^{-\frac{2}{3}}}$$

Example

$$0.0094 = \frac{0.005956}{0.5 \cdot 0.7^{-\frac{2}{3}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4) Density Calculation using Chapman-Rubesin Factor Formula

Formula

$$\rho = C \cdot \rho_e \cdot \frac{\mu_e}{v}$$

Example with Units

$$996.9959 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 0.75 \cdot 98.3 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot \frac{0.098043 \text{ P}}{7.25 \text{ St}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

5) Internal Energy for Hypersonic Flow Formula

Formula

$$U = H + \frac{P}{\rho}$$

Example with Units

$$1.5128 \text{ kJ} = 1.512 \text{ kJ} + \frac{800 \text{ Pa}}{997 \text{ kg/m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6) Non Dimensional Internal Energy Parameter Formula

Formula

$$e' = \frac{U}{C_p \cdot T}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0752 = \frac{1.51 \text{ kJ}}{4.184 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K} \cdot 4.8 \text{ K}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



7) Non Dimensional Internal Energy Parameter using Wall-to-Freestream Temperature Ratio

Formula

Formula

$$e^* = \frac{T_w}{T_\infty}$$

Example with Units

$$0.075 = \frac{15\text{K}}{200\text{K}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

8) Non Dimensional Static Enthalpy Formula

Formula

$$g = \frac{h_0}{h_e}$$

Example with Units

$$3.001 = \frac{1500\text{J/kg}}{499.8347\text{J/kg}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

9) Stanton Equation using Overall Skin Friction Coefficient for Incompressible Flow Formula



Formula

$$St = C_f \cdot 0.5 \cdot Pr^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

Example

$$0.006 = 0.009391 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.7^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

10) Stanton Number for Incompressible Flow Formula

Formula

$$St = 0.332 \cdot \frac{Pr^{-\frac{2}{3}}}{\sqrt{Re}}$$

Example

$$0.006 = 0.332 \cdot \frac{0.7^{-\frac{2}{3}}}{\sqrt{5000}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

11) Static Density Calculation using Chapman-Rubesin Factor Formula

Formula

$$\rho_e = \frac{\rho \cdot v}{C \cdot \mu_e}$$

Example with Units

$$98.3004\text{kg/m}^3 = \frac{997\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 7.25\text{St}}{0.75 \cdot 0.098043\text{P}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

12) Static Enthalpy Formula

Formula

$$h_e = \frac{H}{g}$$

Example with Units

$$499.8347\text{J/kg} = \frac{1.512\text{kJ}}{3.025}$$

Evaluate Formula 

13) Static Viscosity Calculation using Chapman-Rubesin Factor Formula

Formula

$$\mu_e = \frac{\rho \cdot v}{C \cdot \rho_e}$$

Example with Units

$$0.098\text{P} = \frac{997\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 7.25\text{St}}{0.75 \cdot 98.3\text{kg/m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 



14) Thermal Conductivity using Prandtl Number Formula

Formula

$$k = \frac{\mu_{\text{viscosity}} \cdot C_p}{Pr}$$

Example with Units

$$6096.6857 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)} = \frac{10.2 \text{ P} \cdot 4.184 \text{ kJ/kg}^{\circ}\text{K}}{0.7}$$

Evaluate Formula 

15) Viscosity Calculation using Chapman-Rubesin Factor Formula

Formula

$$\nu = C \cdot \rho_e \cdot \frac{H_e}{\rho}$$

Example with Units

$$7.25 \text{ St} = 0.75 \cdot 98.3 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot \frac{0.098043 \text{ P}}{997 \text{ kg/m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

16) Wall Temperature Calculation using Internal Energy Change Formula

Formula

$$T_w = e' \cdot T_{\infty}$$

Example with Units

$$15 \text{ K} = 0.075 \cdot 200 \text{ K}$$












Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Aero Thermal Dynamics Formulas above

- **C** Chapman–Rubesin factor
- **C_f** Overall Skin-friction Drag Coefficient
- **C_p** Specific Heat Capacity at Constant Pressure (Kilojoule per Kilogram per K)
- **e'** Non-Dimensional Internal Energy
- **g** Non Dimensional Static Enthalpy
- **H** Enthalpy (Kilojoule)
- **h_{aw}** Adiabatic Wall Enthalpy (Joule per Kilogram)
- **h_o** Stagnation Enthalpy (Joule per Kilogram)
- **h_w** Wall Enthalpy (Joule per Kilogram)
- **h_e** Static Enthalpy (Joule per Kilogram)
- **k** Thermal Conductivity (Watt per Meter per K)
- **P** Pressure (Pascal)
- **Pr** Prandtl Number
- **q_w** Local Heat Transfer Rate (Watt per Square Meter)
- **Re** Reynolds Number
- **St** Stanton Number
- **T** Temperature (Kelvin)
- **T_∞** Free Stream Temperature (Kelvin)
- **T_w** Wall Temperature (Kelvin)
- **U** Internal Energy (Kilojoule)
- **u_e** Static Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **μ_e** Static Viscosity (Poise)
- **μ**viscosity Dynamic Viscosity (Poise)
- **ν** Kinematic Viscosity (Stokes)
- **ρ** Density (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **ρ_e** Static Density (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Aero Thermal Dynamics 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: Temperature** in Kelvin (K)
Temperature Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Pressure** in Pascal (Pa)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Energy** in Kilojoule (KJ)
Energy Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Thermal Conductivity** in Watt per Meter per K (W/(m*K))
Thermal Conductivity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Specific Heat Capacity** in Kilojoule per Kilogram per K (kJ/kg*K)
Specific Heat Capacity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Heat Flux Density** in Watt per Square Meter (W/m²)
Heat Flux Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Dynamic Viscosity** in Poise (P)
Dynamic Viscosity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Kinematic Viscosity** in Stokes (St)
Kinematic Viscosity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m³)
Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Specific Energy** in Joule per Kilogram (J/kg)
Specific Energy Unit Conversion 



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