



Formulas
Examples
with Units

List of 33 Important Orifices and Mouthpieces Formulas

1) Flow Head Formulas

1.1) Absolute pressure head at constant head and atmospheric pressure head Formula

Formula

$$H_{AP} = H_a + H_c - \left(\left(\left(\frac{V_o}{0.62} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot 9.81} \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$13.4891\text{m} = 7\text{m} + 10.5\text{m} - \left(\left(\left(\frac{5.5\text{m/s}}{0.62} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot 9.81} \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula

1.2) Atmospheric pressure head at constant head and absolute pressure head Formula

Formula

$$H_a = H_{AP} - H_c + \left(\left(\left(\frac{V_o}{0.62} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot 9.81} \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$7.5109\text{m} = 14\text{m} - 10.5\text{m} + \left(\left(\left(\frac{5.5\text{m/s}}{0.62} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot 9.81} \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula

1.3) Head of Liquid above Centre of Orifice Formula

Formula

$$H = \frac{V_{th}^2}{2 \cdot 9.81}$$

Example with Units

$$4.1284\text{m} = \frac{9\text{m/s}^2}{2 \cdot 9.81}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.4) Head of liquid for head loss and coefficient of velocity Formula

Formula

$$H = \frac{h_f}{1 - (C_v^2)}$$

Example with Units

$$7.8125\text{m} = \frac{1.2\text{m}}{1 - (0.92^2)}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.5) Loss of head due to fluid resistance Formula

Formula

$$h_f = H \cdot (1 - (C_v^2))$$

Example with Units

$$0.768\text{m} = 5\text{m} \cdot (1 - (0.92^2))$$

Evaluate Formula

1.6) Loss of head due to sudden enlargement Formula

Formula

$$h_L = \frac{(V_1 - V_0)^2}{2 \cdot 9.81}$$

Example with Units

$$0.3716\text{m} = \frac{(8.2\text{m/s} - 5.5\text{m/s})^2}{2 \cdot 9.81}$$

Evaluate Formula

2) Flow Rate Formulas

2.1) Coefficient of discharge Formula

Formula

$$C_d = \frac{Q_a}{Q_{th}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.875 = \frac{0.7\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{0.8\text{m}^3/\text{s}}$$

Evaluate Formula



2.2) Coefficient of discharge for area and velocity Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_d = \frac{v_a \cdot A_a}{v_{th} \cdot A_t}$$

Example with Units

$$0.8205 = \frac{8 \text{ m/s} \cdot 4.80 \text{ m}^2}{9 \text{ m/s} \cdot 5.2 \text{ m}^2}$$

2.3) Coefficient of Discharge given Time for Emptying Tank Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_d = \frac{2 \cdot A_T \cdot \left(\left(\sqrt{H_i} \right) - \left(\sqrt{H_f} \right) \right)}{t_{\text{total}} \cdot a \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.7865 = \frac{2 \cdot 1144 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \left(\left(\sqrt{24 \text{ m}} \right) - \left(\sqrt{20.1 \text{ m}} \right) \right)}{30 \text{ s} \cdot 9.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81}}$$

2.4) Coefficient of Discharge given Time of Emptying Circular Horizontal Tank Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_d = \frac{4 \cdot L \cdot \left(\left((2 \cdot r_1) - H_i \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left((2 \cdot r_1) - H_f \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right)}{3 \cdot t_{\text{total}} \cdot a \cdot (\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81})}$$

Example with Units

$$0.8928 = \frac{4 \cdot 31 \text{ m} \cdot \left(\left((2 \cdot 21 \text{ m}) - 20.1 \text{ m} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left((2 \cdot 21 \text{ m}) - 24 \text{ m} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right)}{3 \cdot 30 \text{ s} \cdot 9.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot (\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81})}$$

2.5) Coefficient of Discharge given Time of Emptying Hemispherical Tank Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_d = \frac{\pi \cdot \left(\left(\left(\frac{4}{3} \right) \cdot R_t \cdot \left(\left(H_i^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) - \left(H_f^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \right) \right) - \left(\left(\frac{2}{5} \right) \cdot \left(\left(H_i^{\frac{5}{2}} \right) - \left(H_f^{\frac{5}{2}} \right) \right) \right) \right)}{t_{\text{total}} \cdot a \cdot (\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81})}$$

Example with Units

$$0.3768 = \frac{3.1416 \cdot \left(\left(\left(\frac{4}{3} \right) \cdot 15 \text{ m} \cdot \left(\left(24 \text{ m}^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) - \left(20.1 \text{ m}^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \right) \right) - \left(\left(\frac{2}{5} \right) \cdot \left(\left(24 \text{ m}^{\frac{5}{2}} \right) - \left(20.1 \text{ m}^{\frac{5}{2}} \right) \right) \right) \right)}{30 \text{ s} \cdot 9.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot (\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81})}$$

2.6) Discharge in Borda's Mouthpiece Running Free Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula

$$Q_M = 0.5 \cdot A \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot H_c}$$

Example with Units

$$36.6003 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 0.5 \cdot 5.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 10.5 \text{ m}}$$

2.7) Discharge in Borda's Mouthpiece Running Full Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula

$$Q_M = 0.707 \cdot A \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot H_c}$$

Example with Units

$$51.7528 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 0.707 \cdot 5.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 10.5 \text{ m}}$$

2.8) Discharge in Convergent-Divergent Mouthpiece Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula

$$Q_M = a_c \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot H_c}$$

Example with Units

$$30.1414 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 2.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 10.5 \text{ m}}$$



2.9) Discharge through fully sub-merged orifice Formula

Formula

$$Q_0 = C_d \cdot w \cdot (H_b - H_{top}) \cdot \left(\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot H_L} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$19.0744 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 0.87 \cdot 3.5 \text{ m} \cdot (20 \text{ m} - 19.9 \text{ m}) \cdot \left(\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 200 \text{ m}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.10) Discharge through large rectangular orifice Formula

Formula

$$Q_0 = \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) \cdot C_d \cdot b \cdot \left(\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 T} \right) \cdot \left((H_b^{1.5}) - (H_{top}^{1.5}) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$20.6548 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) \cdot 0.87 \cdot 12 \text{ m} \cdot \left(\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 T} \right) \cdot \left((20 \text{ m}^{1.5}) - (19.9 \text{ m}^{1.5}) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.11) Discharge through partially sub-merged orifice Formula

Formula

$$Q_0 = \left(C_d \cdot w \cdot (H_b - H_L) \cdot \left(\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot H_L} \right) \right) + \left(\left(\frac{2}{3} \right) \cdot C_d \cdot b \cdot \left(\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 T} \right) \cdot \left((H_L^{1.5}) - (H_{top}^{1.5}) \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$50126.6776 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = \left(0.87 \cdot 3.5 \text{ m} \cdot (20 \text{ m} - 200 \text{ m}) \cdot \left(\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 200 \text{ m}} \right) \right) + \left(\left(\frac{2}{3} \right) \cdot 0.87 \cdot 12 \text{ m} \cdot \left(\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 T} \right) \cdot \left((200 \text{ m}^{1.5}) - (19.9 \text{ m}^{1.5}) \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

3) Geometric Dimensions Formulas

3.1) Area at vena contracta for discharge and constant head Formula

Formula

$$a_c = \frac{Q_M}{\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot H_c}}$$

Example with Units

$$2.1041 \text{ m}^2 = \frac{30.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 10.5 \text{ m}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.2) Area of Mouthpiece in Borda's Mouthpiece Running Free Formula

Formula

$$A = \frac{Q_M}{0.5 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot H_c}}$$

Example with Units

$$4.2082 \text{ m}^2 = \frac{30.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{0.5 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 10.5 \text{ m}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.3) Area of Mouthpiece in Borda's Mouthpiece Running Full Formula

Formula

$$A = \frac{Q_M}{0.707 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot H_c}}$$

Example with Units

$$2.9761 \text{ m}^2 = \frac{30.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{0.707 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 10.5 \text{ m}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

3.4) Area of Orifice given Time of Emptying Hemispherical Tank Formula

Formula

$$a = \frac{\pi \cdot \left(\left(\left(\frac{4}{3} \right) \cdot R_t \cdot \left((H_i^{3/2}) - (H_f^{3/2}) \right) \right) - \left(\left(\frac{2}{5} \right) \cdot \left((H_i^{5/2}) - (H_f^{5/2}) \right) \right) \right)}{t_{\text{total}} \cdot C_d \cdot \left(\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 T} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$3.9408 \text{ m}^2 = \frac{3.1416 \cdot \left(\left(\left(\frac{4}{3} \right) \cdot 15 \text{ m} \cdot \left((24 \text{ m}^{3/2}) - (20.1 \text{ m}^{3/2}) \right) \right) - \left(\left(\frac{2}{5} \right) \cdot \left((24 \text{ m}^{5/2}) - (20.1 \text{ m}^{5/2}) \right) \right) \right)}{30 \text{ s} \cdot 0.87 \cdot \left(\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 T} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 



3.5) Area of Tank given Time for Emptying Tank Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula	Example with Units
$A_T = \frac{t_{\text{total}} \cdot C_d \cdot a \cdot (\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81})}{2 \cdot \left(\left(\sqrt{H_i} \right) - \left(\sqrt{H_f} \right) \right)}$	$1265.4508 \text{ m}^2 = \frac{30 \text{ s} \cdot 0.87 \cdot 9.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot (\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81})}{2 \cdot \left(\left(\sqrt{24 \text{ m}} \right) - \left(\sqrt{20.1 \text{ m}} \right) \right)}$

3.6) Coefficient of Contraction given Area of Orifice Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula	Example with Units
$C_c = \frac{A_c}{a}$	$0.5549 = \frac{5.05 \text{ m}^2}{9.1 \text{ m}^2}$

3.7) Horizontal distance for coefficient of velocity and vertical distance Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula	Example with Units
$R = C_v \cdot \left(\sqrt{4 \cdot V \cdot H} \right)$	$8.2287 \text{ m} = 0.92 \cdot \left(\sqrt{4 \cdot 4 \text{ m} \cdot 5 \text{ m}} \right)$

3.8) Vertical distance for coefficient of velocity and horizontal distance Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula	Example with Units
$V = \frac{R^2}{4 \cdot (C_v^2) \cdot H}$	$31.25 \text{ m} = \frac{23 \text{ m}^2}{4 \cdot (0.92^2) \cdot 5 \text{ m}}$

4) Velocity and Time Formulas ↻

4.1) Coefficient of velocity Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula	Example with Units
$C_v = \frac{V_a}{V_{th}}$	$0.8889 = \frac{8 \text{ m/s}}{9 \text{ m/s}}$

4.2) Coefficient of velocity for horizontal and vertical distance Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula	Example with Units
$C_v = \frac{R}{\sqrt{4 \cdot V \cdot H}}$	$2.5715 = \frac{23 \text{ m}}{\sqrt{4 \cdot 4 \text{ m} \cdot 5 \text{ m}}}$

4.3) Coefficient of Velocity given Head Loss Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula	Example with Units
$C_v = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{h_f}{H} \right)}$	$0.8718 = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1.2 \text{ m}}{5 \text{ m}} \right)}$

4.4) Theoretical velocity Formula ↻

Evaluate Formula ↻

Formula	Example with Units
$v = \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot H_p}$	$28.7061 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 42 \text{ m}}$



4.5) Time of Emptying Circular Horizontal Tank Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$t_{\text{total}} = \frac{4 \cdot L \cdot \left(\left((2 \cdot r_1) - H_f \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left((2 \cdot r_1) - H_i \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right)}{3 \cdot C_d \cdot a \cdot (\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81})}$$

Example with Units

$$30.7854 \text{ s} = \frac{4 \cdot 31 \text{ m} \cdot \left(\left((2 \cdot 21 \text{ m}) - 20.1 \text{ m} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left((2 \cdot 21 \text{ m}) - 24 \text{ m} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right)}{3 \cdot 0.87 \cdot 9.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot (\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81})}$$

4.6) Time of Emptying Hemispherical Tank Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$t_{\text{total}} = \frac{\pi \cdot \left(\left(\left(\frac{4}{3} \right) \cdot R_t \cdot \left(\left(H_i^{1.5} \right) - \left(H_f^{1.5} \right) \right) \right) - \left(0.4 \cdot \left(\left(H_i^{\frac{5}{2}} \right) - \left(H_f^{\frac{5}{2}} \right) \right) \right) \right)}{C_d \cdot a \cdot (\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81})}$$

Example with Units

$$12.9915 \text{ s} = \frac{3.1416 \cdot \left(\left(\left(\frac{4}{3} \right) \cdot 15 \text{ m} \cdot \left(\left(24 \text{ m}^{1.5} \right) - \left(20.1 \text{ m}^{1.5} \right) \right) \right) - \left(0.4 \cdot \left(\left(24 \text{ m}^{\frac{5}{2}} \right) - \left(20.1 \text{ m}^{\frac{5}{2}} \right) \right) \right) \right)}{0.87 \cdot 9.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot (\sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81})}$$

4.7) Time of Emptying Tank through Orifice at Bottom Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$t_{\text{total}} = \frac{2 \cdot A_T \cdot \left(\left(\sqrt{H_i} \right) - \left(\sqrt{H_f} \right) \right)}{C_d \cdot a \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81}}$$

Example with Units

$$27.1208 \text{ s} = \frac{2 \cdot 1144 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \left(\left(\sqrt{24 \text{ m}} \right) - \left(\sqrt{20.1 \text{ m}} \right) \right)}{0.87 \cdot 9.1 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81}}$$

4.8) Velocity of liquid at C-C for Hc, Ha, and H Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$V_i = \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot (H_a + H_c - H_{AP})}$$

Example with Units






$$8.2867 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot (7 \text{ m} + 10.5 \text{ m} - 14 \text{ m})}$$



Variables used in list of Orifices and Mouthpieces Formulas above

- **a** Area of Orifice (Square Meter)
- **A** Area (Square Meter)
- **A_a** Actual Area (Square Meter)
- **a_c** Area at Vena Contracta (Square Meter)
- **A_c** Area of Jet (Square Meter)
- **A_t** Theoretical Area (Square Meter)
- **A_T** Area of Tank (Square Meter)
- **b** Thickness of Dam (Meter)
- **C_c** Coefficient of Contraction
- **C_d** Coefficient of Discharge
- **C_v** Coefficient of Velocity
- **H** Head of the Liquid (Meter)
- **H_a** Atmospheric Pressure Head (Meter)
- **H_{AP}** Absolute Pressure Head (Meter)
- **H_b** Height of Liquid Bottom Edge (Meter)
- **H_c** Constant Head (Meter)
- **h_f** Head Loss (Meter)
- **H_f** Final Height of Liquid (Meter)
- **H_i** Initial Height of Liquid (Meter)
- **h_L** Loss of Head (Meter)
- **H_L** Difference in Liquid Level (Meter)
- **H_p** Pelton Head (Meter)
- **H_{top}** Height of Liquid Top Edge (Meter)
- **L** Length (Meter)
- **Q_a** Actual Discharge (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **Q_M** Discharge through Mouthpiece (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **Q_O** Discharge through Orifice (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **Q_{th}** Theoretical Discharge (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **R** Horizontal Distance (Meter)
- **r₁** Radius (Meter)
- **R_t** Hemispherical Tank Radius (Meter)
- **t_{total}** Total Time Taken (Second)
- **v** Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **V** Vertical Distance (Meter)
- **v_a** Actual Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **V_i** Velocity of Liquid Inlet (Meter per Second)
- **V_O** Velocity of Liquid Outlet (Meter per Second)
- **V_{th}** Theoretical Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **w** Width (Meter)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Orifices and Mouthpieces Formulas above

- **constant(s):** pi, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **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: Time** in Second (s)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m³/s)
Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion 



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