

Important Cnoidal Wave Theory Formulas PDF



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List of 14 Important Cnoidal Wave Theory Formulas

1) Complete Elliptic Integral of Second Kind Formula

Formula

$$E_k = - \left(\left(\left(\left(\frac{y_t}{d_c} \right) + \left(\frac{H_w}{d_c} \right) - 1 \right) \cdot \frac{3 \cdot \lambda^2}{(16 \cdot d_c^2) \cdot K_k} \right) - K_k \right)$$

Evaluate Formula

Example with Units

$$27.9682 = - \left(\left(\left(\left(\frac{21\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) + \left(\frac{14\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) - 1 \right) \cdot \frac{3 \cdot 32\text{m}^2}{(16 \cdot 16\text{m}^2) \cdot 28} \right) - 28 \right)$$

2) Distance from Bottom to Crest Formula

Formula

$$y_c = d_c \cdot \left(\left(\frac{y_t}{d_c} \right) + \left(\frac{H_w}{d_c} \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$35\text{m} = 16\text{m} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{21\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) + \left(\frac{14\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula

3) Distance from Bottom to Wave Trough Formula

Formula

$$y_t = d_c \cdot \left(\left(\frac{y_c}{d_c} \right) - \left(\frac{H_w}{d_c} \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$21\text{m} = 16\text{m} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{35\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) - \left(\frac{14\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula

4) Elevation above Bottom given Pressure under Cnoidal Wave in Hydrostatic Form Formula

Formula

$$y = - \left(\left(\frac{p}{\rho_s \cdot [g]} \right) - y_s \right)$$

Example with Units

$$4.92\text{m} = - \left(\left(\frac{804.1453\text{Pa}}{1025\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 9.8066\text{m/s}^2} \right) - 5 \right)$$

Evaluate Formula



5) Free Surface Elevation of Solitary Waves Formula

Formula

$$\eta = H_w \cdot \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{[g] \cdot d_c \cdot \left(\frac{H_w}{d_c} \right)}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$25.5464 \text{ m} = 14 \text{ m} \cdot \left(\frac{20 \text{ m/s}}{\sqrt{9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot 16 \text{ m} \cdot \left(\frac{14 \text{ m}}{16 \text{ m}} \right)}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

6) Ordinate of Water Surface given Pressure under Cnoidal Wave in Hydrostatic Form Formula

Formula

$$y_s = \left(\frac{p}{\rho_s \cdot [g]} \right) + y$$

Example with Units

$$5 = \left(\frac{804.1453 \text{ Pa}}{1025 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2} \right) + 4.92 \text{ m}$$

Evaluate Formula 

7) Particle Velocities given Free Surface Elevation of Solitary Waves Formula

Formula

$$u = \eta \cdot \sqrt{[g] \cdot d_c \cdot \frac{H_w}{d_c}} \cdot \frac{H_w}{H_w}$$

Example with Units

$$19.995 \text{ m/s} = 25.54 \text{ m} \cdot \sqrt{9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot 16 \text{ m} \cdot \frac{14 \text{ m}}{16 \text{ m}}} \cdot \frac{14 \text{ m}}{14 \text{ m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

8) Pressure under Cnoidal Wave in Hydrostatic Form Formula

Formula

$$p = \rho_s \cdot [g] \cdot (y_s - y)$$

Example with Units

$$804.1453 \text{ Pa} = 1025 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot (5 - 4.92 \text{ m})$$

Evaluate Formula 

9) Trough to Crest Wave Height Formula

Formula

$$H_w = d_c \cdot \left(\left(\frac{y_c}{d_c} \right) - \left(\frac{y_t}{d_c} \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$14 \text{ m} = 16 \text{ m} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{35 \text{ m}}{16 \text{ m}} \right) - \left(\frac{21 \text{ m}}{16 \text{ m}} \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

10) Wave Height given Distance from Bottom to Wave Trough and Water Depth Formula

Formula

$$H_w = -d_c \cdot \left(\left(\frac{y_t}{d_c} \right) - 1 - \left(\left(16 \cdot \frac{d_c^2}{3 \cdot \lambda^2} \right) \cdot K_k \cdot (K_k - E_k) \right) \right)$$

Example with Units

$$14.1147 \text{ m} = -16 \text{ m} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{21 \text{ m}}{16 \text{ m}} \right) - 1 - \left(\left(16 \cdot \frac{16 \text{ m}^2}{3 \cdot 32 \text{ m}^2} \right) \cdot 28 \cdot (28 - 27.968) \right) \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 



11) Wave Height Required to Produce Difference in Pressure on Seabed Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$H_w = \frac{\Delta P_c}{\left(\rho_s \cdot [g] \cdot \left(0.5 + \left(0.5 \cdot \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3 \cdot \Delta P_c}{\rho_s \cdot [g] \cdot d_c} \right)} \right) \right) \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.9912 \text{ m} = \frac{9500 \text{ Pa}}{\left(1025 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \left(0.5 + \left(0.5 \cdot \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3 \cdot 9500 \text{ Pa}}{1025 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot 16 \text{ m}} \right)} \right) \right) \right)}$$

12) Wave Height when Free Surface Elevation of Solitary Waves Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$H_w = \eta \cdot \frac{\sqrt{[g] \cdot d_c}}{u \cdot d_c}$$

$$0.9997 \text{ m} = 25.54 \text{ m} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot 16 \text{ m}}}{20 \text{ m/s} \cdot 16 \text{ m}}$$

13) Wavelength for Complete Elliptic Integral of First Kind Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$\lambda = \sqrt{16 \cdot \frac{d_c^3}{3 \cdot H_w} \cdot k \cdot K_k}$$

$$32.739 \text{ m} = \sqrt{16 \cdot \frac{16 \text{ m}^3}{3 \cdot 14 \text{ m}} \cdot 0.0296 \cdot 28}$$

14) Wavelength for Distance from Bottom to Wave Trough Formula

Formula

Example with Units

Evaluate Formula 

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{16 \cdot d_c^2 \cdot K_k \cdot (K_k - E_k)}{3 \cdot \left(\left(\frac{y_t}{d_c} \right) + \left(\frac{H_w}{d_c} \right) - 1 \right)}}$$





$$32.0964 \text{ m} = \sqrt{\frac{16 \cdot 16 \text{ m}^2 \cdot 28 \cdot (28 - 27.968)}{3 \cdot \left(\left(\frac{21 \text{ m}}{16 \text{ m}} \right) + \left(\frac{14 \text{ m}}{16 \text{ m}} \right) - 1 \right)}}$$



Variables used in list of Cnoidal Wave Theory Formulas above















- d_c Water Depth for Cnoidal Wave (Meter)
- E_k Complete Elliptic Integral of the Second Kind
- H_w Height of the Wave (Meter)
- H_w Cnoidal Wave Height (Meter)
- k Modulus of the Elliptic Integrals
- K_k Complete Elliptic Integral of the First Kind
- p Pressure Under Wave (Pascal)
- u Particle Velocity (Meter per Second)
- y Elevation above the Bottom (Meter)
- y_c Distance from the Bottom to the Crest (Meter)
- y_s Ordinate of the Water Surface
- y_t Distance from the Bottom to the Wave Trough (Meter)
- ΔP_c Change in Pressure of Coast (Pascal)
- η Free Surface Elevation (Meter)
- λ Wavelength of Wave (Meter)
- ρ_s Density of Salt Water (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Cnoidal Wave Theory Formulas above

- **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: Pressure** in Pascal (Pa)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m³)
Density Unit Conversion 



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