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## List of 25 Lateral Pressure for Cohesive and Non Cohesive Soil Formulas

### Lateral Pressure for Cohesive and Non Cohesive Soil

#### 1) Coefficient of Active Pressure given Angle of Internal Friction of Soil

$$\text{fx } K_A = \left( \tan \left( \left( 45 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \right) - \left( \frac{\phi}{2} \right) \right) \right)^2$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.163237 = \left( \tan \left( \left( 45 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \right) - \left( \frac{46^\circ}{2} \right) \right) \right)^2$$

#### 2) Coefficient of Active Pressure given Total Thrust from Soil for Level Surface

$$\text{fx } K_A = \frac{2 \cdot P}{\gamma \cdot (h_w)^2}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.11562 = \frac{2 \cdot 10\text{kN/m}}{18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot (3.1\text{m})^2}$$

#### 3) Coefficient of Passive Pressure given Angle of Internal Friction of Soil

$$\text{fx } K_P = \left( \tan \left( \left( 45 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \right) - \left( \frac{\phi}{2} \right) \right) \right)^2$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.163237 = \left( \tan \left( \left( 45 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \right) - \left( \frac{46^\circ}{2} \right) \right) \right)^2$$


#### 4) Coefficient of Passive Pressure given Thrust of Soil are Free to Move only Small Amount

$$\text{fx } K_P = \frac{2 \cdot P}{\gamma \cdot (h_w)^2}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.11562 = \frac{2 \cdot 10\text{kN/m}}{18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot (3.1\text{m})^2}$$




5) Coefficient of Passive Pressure given Thrust of Soil that are Completely Restrained 

$$fx \quad K_P = \frac{2 \cdot P}{\gamma \cdot (h_w)^2}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.11562 = \frac{2 \cdot 10\text{kN/m}}{18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot (3.1\text{m})^2}$$

6) Cohesion of soil given Total Thrust from Soil that are Free to Move 

$$fx \quad C = \left( 0.25 \cdot \gamma \cdot h_w \cdot \sqrt{K_A} \right) - \left( 0.5 \cdot \frac{P}{h_w} \cdot \sqrt{K_A} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 4.778137\text{kPa} = \left( 0.25 \cdot 18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot 3.1\text{m} \cdot \sqrt{0.15} \right) - \left( 0.5 \cdot \frac{10\text{kN/m}}{3.1\text{m}} \cdot \sqrt{0.15} \right)$$

7) Cohesion of soil given Total Thrust from Soil with Small Angles of Internal Friction 

$$fx \quad C = \left( (0.25 \cdot \gamma \cdot h_w) - \left( 0.5 \cdot \frac{P}{h_w} \right) \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 12.3371\text{kPa} = \left( (0.25 \cdot 18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot 3.1\text{m}) - \left( 0.5 \cdot \frac{10\text{kN/m}}{3.1\text{m}} \right) \right)$$

8) Height of Wall given Thrust of Soil that are Completely Restrained and Surface is Level 

$$fx \quad h_w = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot P}{\gamma \cdot K_P}}$$

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$$ex \quad 2.635231\text{m} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 10\text{kN/m}}{18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot 0.16}}$$

9) Height of Wall given Total Thrust of Soil that are Free to Move only Small Amount 

$$fx \quad h_w = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot P}{\gamma \cdot K_P}}$$

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$$ex \quad 2.635231\text{m} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 10\text{kN/m}}{18\text{kN/m}^3 \cdot 0.16}}$$



10) Total Height of Wall given Total Thrust from Soil for Level Surface behind Wall [Open Calculator](#) 


$$fx \quad h_w = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot P}{\gamma \cdot K_A}}$$

$$ex \quad 2.721655m = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 10kN/m}{18kN/m^3 \cdot 0.15}}$$

11) Total Height of Wall given Total Thrust from Soil that are Completely Restrained [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad h_w = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot P}{\gamma \cdot \cos(i) \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(i) + \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}}{\cos(i) - \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}} \right)}}$$


$$ex \quad 0.56886m = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 10kN/m}{18kN/m^3 \cdot \cos(30^\circ) \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(30^\circ) + \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}}{\cos(30^\circ) - \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}} \right)}}$$

12) Total Height of Wall given Total Thrust from Soil that are Free to move [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad h_w = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot P}{\gamma \cdot \cos(i) \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(i) - \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}}{\cos(i) + \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}} \right)}}$$

$$ex \quad 2.255387m = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 10kN/m}{18kN/m^3 \cdot \cos(30^\circ) \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(30^\circ) - \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}}{\cos(30^\circ) + \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}} \right)}}$$



13) Total Thrust from Soil that are Completely Restrained [Open Calculator !\[\]\(bd1a142de767a21e5362c595f844a4ff\_img.jpg\)](#)

$$fx \quad P = \left( 0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot (h_w)^2 \cdot \cos(i) \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(i) + \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}}{\cos(i) - \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}} \right)$$


ex

$$296.9695 \text{ kN/m} = \left( 0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot (3.1 \text{ m})^2 \cdot \cos(30^\circ) \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(30^\circ) + \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}}{\cos(30^\circ) - \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}} \right)$$

14) Total Thrust from Soil that are Completely Restrained and Surface is Level [Open Calculator !\[\]\(0b5e7e25e8775f7e7e80906ada4f0021\_img.jpg\)](#)

$$fx \quad P = \left( 0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot (h_w)^2 \cdot K_P \right)$$

$$ex \quad 13.8384 \text{ kN/m} = \left( 0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot (3.1 \text{ m})^2 \cdot 0.16 \right)$$

15) Total Thrust from Soil that are Free to Move [Open Calculator !\[\]\(bd3b31712ad9bab5a241210fa6925cdd\_img.jpg\)](#)

$$fx \quad P = \left( 0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot (h_w)^2 \cdot \cos(i) \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(i) - \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}}{\cos(i) + \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}} \right)$$

ex

$$18.89214 \text{ kN/m} = \left( 0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot (3.1 \text{ m})^2 \cdot \cos(30^\circ) \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(30^\circ) - \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}}{\cos(30^\circ) + \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}} \right)$$

16) Total Thrust from Soil that are Free to Move only Small Amount [Open Calculator !\[\]\(e50091943b385fe16d3277389202856f\_img.jpg\)](#)

$$fx \quad P = \left( 0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot (h_w)^2 \cdot K_P \right)$$

$$ex \quad 13.8384 \text{ kN/m} = \left( 0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot (3.1 \text{ m})^2 \cdot 0.16 \right)$$




17) Total Thrust from Soil that are Free to Move to Considerable Amount 

$$fx \quad P = \left( (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot (h_w)^2 \cdot K_A) - (2 \cdot C \cdot h_w \cdot \sqrt{K_A}) \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 9.923913 \text{ kN/m} = \left( (0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot (3.1 \text{ m})^2 \cdot 0.15) - (2 \cdot 1.27 \text{ kPa} \cdot 3.1 \text{ m} \cdot \sqrt{0.15}) \right)$$

18) Total Thrust from Soil when Surface behind Wall is Level 

$$fx \quad P = (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot (h_w)^2 \cdot K_A)$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 12.9735 \text{ kN/m} = (0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot (3.1 \text{ m})^2 \cdot 0.15)$$

19) Total Thrust from Soil with Small Angles of Internal Friction 

$$fx \quad P = (0.5 \cdot \gamma \cdot (h_w)^2) - (2 \cdot C \cdot h_w)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 78.616 \text{ kN/m} = (0.5 \cdot 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot (3.1 \text{ m})^2) - (2 \cdot 1.27 \text{ kPa} \cdot 3.1 \text{ m})$$

20) Unit Weight of Soil given Thrust of Soil that are Completely Restrained and Surface is Level 

$$fx \quad \gamma = \frac{2 \cdot P}{(h_w)^2 \cdot K_P}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 13.00728 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \frac{2 \cdot 10 \text{ kN/m}}{(3.1 \text{ m})^2 \cdot 0.16}$$


21) Unit Weight of Soil given Total Thrust from Soil for Level Surface behind Wall 

$$fx \quad \gamma = \frac{2 \cdot P}{(h_w)^2 \cdot K_A}$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 13.87444 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \frac{2 \cdot 10 \text{ kN/m}}{(3.1 \text{ m})^2 \cdot 0.15}$$



22) Unit Weight of Soil given Total Thrust from Soil that are Completely Restrained [Open Calculator](#) 


$$fx \quad \gamma = \frac{2 \cdot P}{(h_w)^2 \cdot \cos(i)} \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(i) + \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}}{\cos(i) - \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}} \right)$$

$$ex \quad 9.527772 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \frac{2 \cdot 10 \text{ kN/m}}{(3.1 \text{ m})^2 \cdot \cos(30^\circ)} \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(30^\circ) + \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}}{\cos(30^\circ) - \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}} \right)$$

23) Unit Weight of Soil given Total Thrust from Soil that are Free to Move [Open Calculator](#) 


$$fx \quad \gamma = \frac{2 \cdot P}{(h_w)^2 \cdot \cos(i)} \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(i) - \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}}{\cos(i) + \sqrt{(\cos(i))^2 - (\cos(\phi))^2}} \right)$$

$$ex \quad 0.606123 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \frac{2 \cdot 10 \text{ kN/m}}{(3.1 \text{ m})^2 \cdot \cos(30^\circ)} \cdot \left( \frac{\cos(30^\circ) - \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}}{\cos(30^\circ) + \sqrt{(\cos(30^\circ))^2 - (\cos(46^\circ))^2}} \right)$$

24) Unit Weight of Soil given Total Thrust from Soil with Small Angles of Internal Friction [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad \gamma = \left( \left( 2 \cdot \frac{P}{(h_w)^2} \right) + \left( 4 \cdot \frac{C}{h_w} \right) \right)$$

$$ex \quad 3.719875 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \left( \left( 2 \cdot \frac{10 \text{ kN/m}}{(3.1 \text{ m})^2} \right) + \left( 4 \cdot \frac{1.27 \text{ kPa}}{3.1 \text{ m}} \right) \right)$$

25) Unit Weight of Soil given Total Thrust of Soil that are Free to Move only Small Amount [Open Calculator](#) 

$$fx \quad \gamma = \frac{2 \cdot P}{(h_w)^2 \cdot K_P}$$

$$ex \quad 13.00728 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \frac{2 \cdot 10 \text{ kN/m}}{(3.1 \text{ m})^2 \cdot 0.16}$$








## Variables Used

- **C** Cohesion in Soil as Kilopascal (*Kilopascal*)
- **$h_w$**  Total Height of Wall (*Meter*)
- **$i$**  Angle of Inclination (*Degree*)
- **$K_A$**  Coefficient of Active Pressure
- **$K_P$**  Coefficient of Passive Pressure
- **P** Total Thrust of Soil (*Kilonewton per Meter*)
- **$\gamma$**  Unit Weight of Soil (*Kilonewton per Cubic Meter*)
- **$\phi$**  Angle of Internal Friction (*Degree*)





## Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288  
*Archimedes' constant*
- **Function:** **cos**,  $\cos(\text{Angle})$   
*Trigonometric cosine function*
- **Function:** **sqrt**,  $\sqrt{\text{Number}}$   
*Square root function*
- **Function:** **tan**,  $\tan(\text{Angle})$   
*Trigonometric tangent function*
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)  
*Length Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Pressure** in Kilopascal (kPa)  
*Pressure Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree ( $^{\circ}$ )  
*Angle Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Surface Tension** in Kilonewton per Meter (kN/m)  
*Surface Tension Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Specific Weight** in Kilonewton per Cubic Meter (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)  
*Specific Weight Unit Conversion* 



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