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List of 21 Basic Formulas of Mechanical Operations

Basic Formulas of Mechanical Operations

1) Applied Pressure in Terms of Coefficient of Flowability for Solids

$$\text{fx } P_A = \frac{P_N}{K}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 8.9982\text{Pa} = \frac{15\text{Pa}}{1.667}$$

2) Coefficient of Flowability of Solids

$$\text{fx } K = \frac{P_N}{P_A}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 1.666667 = \frac{15\text{Pa}}{9\text{Pa}}$$

3) Energy Required to Crush Coarse Materials according to Bond's Law

$$\text{fx } E = W_i \cdot \left(\left(\frac{100}{d_2} \right)^{0.5} - \left(\frac{100}{d_1} \right)^{0.5} \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 22.15064\text{J/kg} = 11.6\text{J/kg} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{100}{1.9\text{m}} \right)^{0.5} - \left(\frac{100}{3.5\text{m}} \right)^{0.5} \right)$$



4) Fraction of Cycle Time used for Cake Formation

$$fx \quad f = \frac{t}{t_c}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.2 = \frac{0.8s}{4s}$$

5) Mass Mean Diameter

$$fx \quad D_W = (x_A \cdot D_{pi})$$

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$$ex \quad 3m = (0.6 \cdot 5m)$$

6) Material Characteristic using Angle of Friction

$$fx \quad K_M = \frac{1 - \sin(\Phi)}{1 + \sin(\Phi)}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.42173 = \frac{1 - \sin(24^\circ)}{1 + \sin(24^\circ)}$$

7) Number of Particles

$$fx \quad N_p = \frac{m}{\rho_{particle} \cdot V_{particle}}$$

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$$ex \quad 2.04918 = \frac{0.15kg}{12.2kg/m^3 \cdot 0.006m^3}$$



8) Porosity or Void Fraction

$$fx \quad \varepsilon = \frac{V_0}{V_B}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.066667 = \frac{0.02m^3}{0.3m^3}$$

9) Pressure Gradient using Kozeny Carman Equation

$$fx \quad dP_{bydr} = \frac{150 \cdot \mu \cdot (1 - \eta)^2 \cdot v}{(\Phi_p)^2 \cdot (De)^2 \cdot (\eta)^3}$$

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$$ex \quad 10.30234N/m^3 = \frac{150 \cdot 0.59P \cdot (1 - 0.5)^2 \cdot 60m/s}{(18.46)^2 \cdot (0.55m)^2 \cdot (0.5)^3}$$

10) Projected Area of Solid Body

$$fx \quad A_p = 2 \cdot \frac{F_D}{C_D \cdot \rho_l \cdot (v_{liquid})^2}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.064667m^2 = 2 \cdot \frac{80N}{1.98 \cdot 3.9kg/m^3 \cdot (17.9m/s)^2}$$



11) Sauter Mean Diameter

$$\text{fx } d_{\text{sauter}} = \frac{6 \cdot V_{\text{particle}_1}}{S_{\text{particle}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 8.942308\text{m} = \frac{6 \cdot 15.5\text{m}^3}{10.4\text{m}^2}$$

12) Specific Surface Area of Mixture

$$\text{fx } A_w = \frac{SA_{\text{Total}}}{M_T}$$

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$$\text{ex } 3.706294\text{m}^2/\text{kg} = \frac{53\text{m}^2}{14.3\text{kg}}$$

13) Sphericity of Cuboidal Particle

fx
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$$\Phi_{\text{cuboidalparticle}} = \frac{\left(\left((L \cdot b \cdot h) \cdot \left(\frac{0.75}{\pi} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \wedge 2 \right) \cdot 4 \cdot \pi}{2 \cdot (L \cdot b + b \cdot h + h \cdot L)}$$

$$\text{ex } 0.130583 = \frac{\left(\left((3\text{m} \cdot 2\text{m} \cdot 12\text{m}) \cdot \left(\frac{0.75}{\pi} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \wedge 2 \right) \cdot 4 \cdot \pi}{2 \cdot (3\text{m} \cdot 2\text{m} + 2\text{m} \cdot 12\text{m} + 12\text{m} \cdot 3\text{m})}$$



14) Sphericity of Cylindrical Particle 


fx

Open Calculator 

$$\Phi_{\text{cylindricalparticle}} = \frac{\left(\left(\left((R)^2 \cdot H \cdot \frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^2 \right) \cdot 4 \cdot \pi}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R \cdot (R + H)}$$

ex

$$0.820941 = \frac{\left(\left(\left((0.025\text{m})^2 \cdot 0.11\text{m} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^2 \right) \cdot 4 \cdot \pi}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 0.025\text{m} \cdot (0.025\text{m} + 0.11\text{m})}$$

15) Sphericity of Particle 

fx

Open Calculator 

$$\Phi_p = \frac{6 \cdot V_s}{S_{\text{particle}} \cdot D_e}$$

ex

$$18.46154 = \frac{6 \cdot 17.6\text{m}^3}{10.4\text{m}^2 \cdot 0.55\text{m}}$$

16) Surface Shape Factor 

fx

Open Calculator 

$$\Phi_s = \frac{1}{\Phi_p}$$

ex

$$0.054171 = \frac{1}{18.46}$$




17) Terminal Settling Velocity of Single Particle 

$$fx \quad V_t = \frac{V}{(\epsilon)^n}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.198886\text{m/s} = \frac{0.1\text{m/s}}{(0.75)^{2.39}}$$

18) Time Required for Cake Formation 

$$fx \quad t = f \cdot t_c$$

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$$ex \quad 0.8\text{s} = 0.2 \cdot 4\text{s}$$

19) Total Number of Particles in Mixture 

$$fx \quad N_T = \frac{M_T}{\rho_p \cdot V_p}$$

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$$ex \quad 143 = \frac{14.3\text{kg}}{100\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot .001\text{m}^3}$$

20) Total Surface Area of Particle using Sphericity 

$$fx \quad A_{sa} = M \cdot \frac{6}{\Phi_p \cdot \rho_p \cdot d_p}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.01629\text{m}^2 = 50.12\text{kg} \cdot \frac{6}{18.46 \cdot 100\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 10\text{m}}$$



21) Total Surface Area of Particles

fx $SA = S \cdot N_p$

Open Calculator 

ex $22.032\text{m}^2 = 10.8\text{m}^2 \cdot 2.04$



Variables Used

- ϵ Void fraction
- A_p Projected Area of Solid Particle Body (Square Meter)
- A_{sa} Total Surface Area of Particles (Square Meter)
- A_w Specific Surface Area of Mixture (Square Meter per Kilogram)
- b Breadth (Meter)
- C_D Drag Coefficient
- d_1 Feed Diameter (Meter)
- d_2 Product Diameter (Meter)
- d_p Arithmetic Mean Diameter (Meter)
- D_{pi} Size Of Particles Present In Fraction (Meter)
- d_{sauter} Sauter Mean Diameter (Meter)
- D_w Mass Mean Diameter (Meter)
- D_e Equivalent Diameter (Meter)
- dP_{bydr} Pressure Gradient (Newton per Cubic Meter)
- E Energy per Unit Mass of Feed (Joule per Kilogram)
- f Fraction of Cycle Time Used For Cake Formation
- F_D Drag Force (Newton)
- h Height (Meter)
- H Cylinder Height (Meter)
- K Coefficient of Flowability
- K_M Material Characteristic
- L Length (Meter)














- **m** Mixture Mass (Kilogram)
- **M** Mass (Kilogram)
- **M_T** Total Mass of Mixture (Kilogram)
- **n** Richardsonb Zaki Index
- **N_p** Number of Particles
- **N_T** Total Number of Particles in Mixture
- **P_A** Applied Pressure (Pascal)
- **P_N** Normal Pressure (Pascal)
- **R** Cylinder Radius (Meter)
- **S** Surface Area of One Particle (Square Meter)
- **S_{particle}** Surface Area of Particle (Square Meter)
- **SA** Surface Area (Square Meter)
- **SA_{Total}** Total Surface Area (Square Meter)
- **t** Time Required For Cake Formation (Second)
- **t_c** Total Cycle Time (Second)
- **v** Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **V** Settling Velocity of Group of Particles (Meter per Second)
- **v₀** Volume of Voids in Bed (Cubic Meter)
- **v_B** Total Volume of Bed (Cubic Meter)
- **v_{liquid}** Velocity of Liquid (Meter per Second)
- **V_p** Volume Of One Particle (Cubic Meter)
- **V_{particle}** Volume of Spherical Particle (Cubic Meter)
- **V_{particle_1}** Volume of Particle (Cubic Meter)
- **V_s** Volume of One Spherical Particle (Cubic Meter)






- V_t Terminal Velocity of Single Particle (Meter per Second)
- W_i Work Index (Joule per Kilogram)
- x_A Mass Fraction
- ϵ Porosity or Void Fraction
- η Porosity
- μ Dynamic Viscosity (Poise)
- ρ_l Density of Liquid (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- ρ_p Density Of Particle (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- ρ_{particle} Density of One Particle (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- Φ Angle of Friction (Degree)
- $\Phi_{\text{cuboidalparticle}}$ Sphericity of Cuboidal Particle
- $\Phi_{\text{cylindricalparticle}}$ Sphericity of Cylindrical Particle
- Φ_p Sphericity of Particle
- Φ_s Surface Shape Factor



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Function:** **sin**, sin(Angle)
Trigonometric sine function
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Weight** in Kilogram (kg)
Weight Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Time** in Second (s)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Volume** in Cubic Meter (m³)
Volume Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Pressure** in Pascal (Pa)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Force** in Newton (N)
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree (°)
Angle Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Dynamic Viscosity** in Poise (P)
Dynamic 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 
- **Measurement: Pressure Gradient** in Newton per Cubic Meter (N/m³)
Pressure Gradient Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Specific Area** in Square Meter per Kilogram (m²/kg)
Specific Area Unit Conversion 



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