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List of 16 Advanced Illumination Formulas

Advanced Illumination

1) Beer-Lambert Law

$$\text{fx } I_t = I_o \cdot \exp(-\beta \cdot c \cdot x)$$

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$$\text{ex } 21.72319\text{cd} = 700\text{cd} \cdot \exp(-1.21 \cdot 0.41 \cdot 7\text{m})$$

2) Fresnel's Law of Reflection

$$\text{fx } r_\lambda = \frac{(n_2 - n_1)^2}{(n_2 + n_1)^2}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.043199 = \frac{(1.54 - 1.01)^2}{(1.54 + 1.01)^2}$$

3) Illumination by Lambert Cosine Law

$$\text{fx } E_v = \frac{I_v \cdot \cos(\theta)}{L^2}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.442743\text{lx} = \frac{4.62\text{cd} \cdot \cos(65^\circ)}{(2.1\text{m})^2}$$



4) Incident Angle using Snell's Law

$$fx \quad \theta_i = \arcsin h \left(\frac{n_2 \cdot \sin(\theta_r)}{n_1} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 30.66133^\circ = \arcsin h \left(\frac{1.54 \cdot \sin(21.59^\circ)}{1.01} \right)$$

5) Intensity of Light Transmitted

$$fx \quad I_t = I_o \cdot \exp(-\alpha \cdot x)$$

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$$ex \quad 21.12338cd = 700cd \cdot \exp(-0.5001 \cdot 7m)$$

6) Inverse Square Law

$$fx \quad L_v = \frac{I_t}{d^2}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.265118cd \cdot sr/m^2 = \frac{21cd}{(8.9m)^2}$$


7) Lambert's Cosine Law

$$fx \quad E_\theta = E_v \cdot \cos(\theta_i)$$

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$$ex \quad 0.883346 = 1.02lx \cdot \cos(30^\circ)$$




8) Luminance for Lambertian Surfaces 

$$fx \quad L_v = \frac{E_v}{\pi}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.324676 \text{cd} \cdot \text{sr} / \text{m}^2 = \frac{1.02 \text{lx}}{\pi}$$

9) Luminous Intensity 

$$fx \quad I_v = \frac{L_m}{\omega}$$

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$$ex \quad 1.55 \text{cd} = \frac{41.85 \text{cd} \cdot \text{sr}}{27 \text{sr}}$$

10) Number of Floodlighting Units 

$$fx \quad N = \frac{A_{\text{light}} \cdot E_v}{0.7 \cdot \Phi_B}$$

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$$ex \quad 1.710253 = \frac{8.98 \text{m}^2 \cdot 1.02 \text{lx}}{0.7 \cdot 7.651 \text{lm}}$$

11) Refracted Angle using Snell's Law 

$$fx \quad \theta_r = \arcsin h \left(\frac{n_1 \cdot \sin(\theta_i)}{n_2} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 18.46714^\circ = \arcsin h \left(\frac{1.01 \cdot \sin(30^\circ)}{1.54} \right)$$



12) Specific Consumption

$$\text{fx } \text{S.C.} = \frac{2 \cdot P_{\text{in}}}{\text{CP}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 374.1935 = \frac{2 \cdot 290\text{W}}{1.55\text{cd}}$$

13) Spectral Luminous Efficacy

$$\text{fx } K_{\lambda} = K_{\text{m}} \cdot V_{\lambda}$$

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$$\text{ex } 2561.22\text{lm/W} = 55.8\text{lm/W} \cdot 45.9$$

14) Spectral Reflection Factor

$$\text{fx } P_{\lambda} = \frac{J_{\lambda}}{G_{\lambda}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.304348 = \frac{4.5}{3.45}$$

15) Spectral Transmission Factor

$$\text{fx } T_{\lambda} = \frac{J'_{\lambda}}{G_{\lambda}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.127536 = \frac{3.89}{3.45}$$



16) Utilization Factor of Electrical Energy

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$$\text{fx } UF = \frac{L_r}{L_e}$$

$$\text{ex } 0.157895 = \frac{6\text{cd}}{38\text{cd}}$$



Variables Used







- **A_{light}** Area to be Lighted (Square Meter)
- **c** Concentration of Absorption Material
- **CP** Candle Power (Candela)
- **d** Distance (Meter)
- **E_v** Illumination Intensity (Lux)
- **E_θ** Illuminance at Angle of Incidence
- **G_λ** Spectral Irradiation
- **I_o** Intensity of Light Entering the Material (Candela)
- **I_t** Intensity of Transmitted Light (Candela)
- **I_v** Luminous Intensity (Candela)
- **J_λ** Reflected Spectral Emission
- **J_λ'** Transmitted Spectral Emission
- **K_m** Maximum Sensitivity (Lumen Per Watt)
- **K_λ** Spectral Luminous Efficacy (Lumen Per Watt)
- **L** Length of Illumination (Meter)
- **L_e** Lumen Emitting from Source (Candela)
- **L_r** Lumen Reaching Working Plane (Candela)
- **L_v** Luminance (Candela Steradian per Sq Meter)
- **Lm** Lumen (Candela Steradian)
- **N** Number of Floodlighting Units
- **n_1** Refractive Index of Medium 1






- n_2 Refractive Index of Medium 2
- P_{in} Input Power (Watt)
- P_λ Spectral Reflection Factor
- r_λ Reflection Loss
- **S.C.** Specific Consumption
- T_λ Spectral Transmission Factor
- **UF** Utilization Factor
- V_λ Photopic Efficiency Value
- x Path Length (Meter)
- α Absorption Coefficient
- β Absorption per Concentration Coefficient
- θ Illumination Angle (Degree)
- θ_i Incident Angle (Degree)
- θ_r Refracted Angle (Degree)
- Φ_B Lumen Flux (Lumen)
- ω Solid Angle (Steradian)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Function:** **arcsinh**, arcsinh(Number)
Inverse hyperbolic sine function
- **Function:** **cos**, cos(Angle)
Trigonometric cosine function
- **Function:** **exp**, exp(Number)
Exponential function
- **Function:** **sin**, sin(Angle)
Trigonometric sine function
- **Function:** **sinh**, sinh(Number)
Hyperbolic sine function
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Luminous Intensity** in Candela (cd)
Luminous Intensity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Illuminance** in Lux (lx), Candela Steradian per Sq Meter (cd*sr/m²)
Illuminance Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Power** in Watt (W)
Power Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree (°)
Angle Unit Conversion 



- **Measurement: Luminous Flux** in Candela Steradian ($\text{cd}\cdot\text{sr}$), Lumen (lm)
Luminous Flux Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Luminous Efficacy** in Lumen Per Watt (lm/W)
Luminous Efficacy Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Solid Angle** in Steradian (sr)
Solid Angle Unit Conversion 



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