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List of 29 Important Formulas of Mooring Forces

Important Formulas of Mooring Forces

1) Angle of Current Relative to Longitudinal Axis of Vessel given Reynolds Number

$$\text{fx } \theta_c = a \cos \left(\frac{\text{Re}_m \cdot v'}{V_c \cdot l_{wl}} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.472717 = a \cos \left(\frac{200 \cdot 7.25\text{St}}{728.2461\text{m/h} \cdot 7.32\text{m}} \right)$$

2) Area Ratio given Expanded or Developed Blade Area of Propeller

$$\text{fx } A_r = l_{wl} \cdot \frac{B}{A_p \cdot 0.838}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.164678 = 7.32\text{m} \cdot \frac{2\text{m}}{15\text{m}^2 \cdot 0.838}$$



3) Average Current Speed for Form Drag of Vessel

fx

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$$V = \sqrt{\frac{F_{c, \text{form}}}{0.5} \cdot \rho_{\text{water}} \cdot C_{c, \text{form}} \cdot B \cdot T \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}$$

ex $1434.844\text{m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{0.15\text{kN}}{0.5} \cdot 1000\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 2\text{m} \cdot 1.68\text{m} \cdot \cos(1.150)}$

4) Average Current Speed given Reynolds Number

fx

Open Calculator 

$$V_c = \frac{Re \cdot v'}{l_{wl}} \cdot \cos(\theta_c)$$

ex $728.2461\text{m/h} = \frac{5000 \cdot 7.25\text{St}}{7.32\text{m}} \cdot \cos(1.150)$

5) Axial Tension or Load given Individual Stiffness of Mooring Line

fx

Open Calculator 

$$T_n' = \Delta l_n \cdot k_n$$

ex $160\text{kN} = 1600\text{m} \cdot 100.0$

6) Coefficient of Drag for Winds Measured at 10 m given Drag Force due to Wind

fx

Open Calculator 

$$C_{D'} = \frac{F_D}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{air}} \cdot A \cdot V_{10}^2}$$

ex $0.0024 = \frac{37.0\text{N}}{0.5 \cdot 1.225\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 52\text{m}^2 \cdot (22\text{m/s})^2}$




7) Displacement of Vessel for Wetted Surface Area of Vessel 

$$fx \quad D = \frac{T \cdot \left(S' - (1.7 \cdot T \cdot l_{wl}) \right)}{35}$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 27.79652m^3 = \frac{1.68m \cdot (600m^2 - (1.7 \cdot 1.68m \cdot 7.32m))}{35}$$

8) Drag Force due to Wind 

$$fx \quad F_D = 0.5 \cdot \rho_{air} \cdot C_D \cdot A \cdot V_{10}^2$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 38.5385N = 0.5 \cdot 1.225kg/m^3 \cdot 0.0025 \cdot 52m^2 \cdot (22m/s)^2$$

9) Elongation in Mooring Line given Individual Stiffness of Mooring Line 

$$fx \quad \Delta l_n = \frac{T_n}{k_n}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 1600m = \frac{160kN}{100.0}$$

10) Elongation in Mooring Line given Percent Elongation in Mooring Line 

$$fx \quad \Delta l_{\eta} = l_n \cdot \left(\frac{\varepsilon_m}{100} \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 4.999m = 10m \cdot \left(\frac{49.99}{100} \right)$$




11) Expanded or Developed Blade Area of Propeller 

$$fx \quad A_p = \frac{l_{wl} \cdot B}{0.838} \cdot A_r$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 20.26539m^2 = \frac{7.32m \cdot 2m}{0.838} \cdot 1.16$$

12) Form Drag Coefficient given Form Drag of Vessel 

$$fx \quad C_{c, form} = \frac{F_{c, form}}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{water} \cdot B \cdot T \cdot V_c^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 5.341361 = \frac{0.15kN}{0.5 \cdot 1000kg/m^3 \cdot 2m \cdot 1.68m \cdot (728.2461m/h)^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)}$$

13) Individual Stiffness of Mooring Line 

$$fx \quad k_{n'} = \frac{T_{n'}}{\Delta l_{n'}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 32064.13 = \frac{160kN}{4.99m}$$

14) Mass of Vessel given Virtual Mass of Vessel 

$$fx \quad m = m_v - m_a$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 80kN = 100kN - 20kN$$



15) Projected Area of Vessel above Waterline given Drag Force due to Wind

$$fx \quad A = \frac{F_D}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{air}} \cdot C_D' \cdot V_{10}^2}$$

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$$ex \quad 49.9241\text{m}^2 = \frac{37.0\text{N}}{0.5 \cdot 1.225\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 0.0025 \cdot (22\text{m/s})^2}$$

16) Propeller Drag Coefficient given Propeller Drag

$$fx \quad C_{c, \text{prop}} = \frac{F_{c, \text{prop}}}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{water}} \cdot A_p \cdot V_c^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}$$

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$$ex \quad 1.986132 = \frac{249\text{N}}{0.5 \cdot 1000\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 15\text{m}^2 \cdot (728.2461\text{m/h})^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)}$$

17) Propeller Drag due to Form Drag of Propeller with Locked Shaft

fx


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$$F_{c, \text{prop}} = 0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{water}} \cdot C_{c, \text{prop}} \cdot A_p \cdot V_c^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)$$

ex

$$249.485\text{N} = 0.5 \cdot 1000\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 1.99 \cdot 15\text{m}^2 \cdot (728.2461\text{m/h})^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)$$




18) Reynolds Number given Skin Friction Coefficient 

$$fx \quad Re_s = \frac{V_c \cdot l_{wl} \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}{v}$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 834.31 = \frac{728.2461\text{m/h} \cdot 7.32\text{m} \cdot \cos(1.150)}{7.25\text{St}}$$

19) Skin Friction Coefficient given Skin Friction of Vessel 

$$fx \quad c_f = \frac{F_{c,fric}}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{water}} \cdot S \cdot V_{cs}^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.760491 = \frac{42}{0.5 \cdot 1000\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 4\text{m}^2 \cdot (0.26\text{m/s})^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)}$$

20) Skin Friction of Vessel due to Flow of Water over Wetted Surface Area of Vessel 

$$fx \quad F_{c,fric} = 0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{water}} \cdot c_f \cdot S \cdot V_{cs}^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 39.7638 = 0.5 \cdot 1000\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 0.72 \cdot 4\text{m}^2 \cdot (0.26\text{m/s})^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)$$

21) Undamped Natural Period of Vessel 

$$fx \quad T_n = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{m_v}{k_{\text{tot}}}} \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.174533\text{h} = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{100\text{kN}}{10.0\text{N/m}}} \right)$$



22) Velocity at Desired Elevation

$$fx \quad V_z = V_{10} \cdot \left(\frac{z}{10} \right)^{0.11}$$

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$$ex \quad 28.62584\text{m/s} = 22\text{m/s} \cdot \left(\frac{109.50\text{m}}{10} \right)^{0.11}$$

23) Vessel Draft given Form Drag of Vessel

$$fx \quad T = \frac{F_{c, \text{form}}}{0.5 \cdot \rho_{\text{water}} \cdot C_{c, \text{form}} \cdot B \cdot V_c^2 \cdot \cos(\theta_c)}$$

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$$ex \quad 1.794697\text{m} = \frac{0.15\text{kN}}{0.5 \cdot 1000\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 2\text{m} \cdot (728.2461\text{m/h})^2 \cdot \cos(1.150)}$$

24) Virtual Mass of Vessel

$$fx \quad m_v = m + m_a$$

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$$ex \quad 100\text{kN} = 80\text{kN} + 20\text{kN}$$

25) Waterline Length of Vessel for Wetted Surface Area of Vessel

$$fx \quad l_{wl} = \frac{S' - \left(35 \cdot \frac{D}{T'} \right)}{1.7} \cdot T'$$

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$$ex \quad 7.058824\text{m} = \frac{600\text{m}^2 - \left(35 \cdot \frac{27\text{m}^3}{1.595\text{m}} \right)}{1.7} \cdot 1.595\text{m}$$



26) Waterline Length of Vessel given Expanded or Developed Blade Area



$$fx \quad l_{wl} = \frac{A_p \cdot 0.838 \cdot A_r}{B}$$

Open Calculator

$$ex \quad 7.2906m = \frac{15m^2 \cdot 0.838 \cdot 1.16}{2m}$$

27) Waterline Length of Vessel given Reynolds Number

$$fx \quad l_{wl} = \frac{Re \cdot v'}{V_c} \cdot \cos(\theta_c)$$

Open Calculator

$$ex \quad 7.32m = \frac{5000 \cdot 7.25St}{728.2461m/h} \cdot \cos(1.150)$$

28) Wetted Surface Area of Vessel

$$fx \quad S' = (1.7 \cdot T \cdot l_{wl}) + \left(\frac{35 \cdot D}{T} \right)$$

Open Calculator

$$ex \quad 583.4059m^2 = (1.7 \cdot 1.68m \cdot 7.32m) + \left(\frac{35 \cdot 27m^3}{1.68m} \right)$$



29) Wind Speed at Standard Elevation of 10 m given Velocity at Desired Elevation

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$$\text{fx } V_{10} = \frac{V_z}{\left(\frac{z}{10}\right)^{0.11}}$$

$$\text{ex } 20.36621\text{m/s} = \frac{26.5\text{m/s}}{\left(\frac{109.50\text{m}}{10}\right)^{0.11}}$$



Variables Used








- **A** Projected Area of the Vessel (*Square Meter*)
- **A_p** Expanded or Developed Blade Area of a Propeller (*Square Meter*)
- **A_r** Area Ratio
- **B** Vessel Beam (*Meter*)
- **C_{c, form}** Form Drag Coefficient
- **C_{c, prop}** Propeller Drag Coefficient
- **C_D** Coefficient of Drag
- **C_f** Skin Friction Coefficient
- **D** Displacement of a Vessel (*Cubic Meter*)
- **F_{c, form}** Form Drag of a Vessel (*Kilonewton*)
- **F_{c, prop}** Vessel Propeller Drag (*Newton*)
- **F_{c,fric}** Skin Friction of a Vessel
- **F_D** Drag Force (*Newton*)
- **k_n** Individual Stiffness of a Mooring Line
- **k_n** Individual Mooring Line Stiffness
- **k_{tot}** Effective Spring Constant (*Newton per Meter*)
- **l_{wl}** Waterline Length of a Vessel (*Meter*)
- **l_n** Length of Mooring Line (*Meter*)
- **m** Mass of a Vessel (*Kilonewton*)
- **m_a** Mass of Vessel due to Inertial Effects (*Kilonewton*)
- **m_v** Virtual Mass of the Ship (*Kilonewton*)





- **Re** Reynolds Number
- **Re_m** Reynolds Number for Mooring Forces
- **Re_s** Reynolds Number for Skin Friction
- **S** Wetted Surface Area (*Square Meter*)
- **S'** Wetted Surface Area of Vessel (*Square Meter*)
- **T** Vessel Draft (*Meter*)
- **T_n** Undamped Natural Period of a Vessel (*Hour*)
- **T_n'** Axial Tension or Load on a Mooring Line (*Kilonewton*)
- **T'** Draft in Vessel (*Meter*)
- **V** Longshore Current Speed (*Meter per Second*)
- **V₁₀** Wind Speed at Height of 10 m (*Meter per Second*)
- **V_c** Average Current Speed (*Meter per Hour*)
- **V_{cs}** Average Current Speed for Skin Friction (*Meter per Second*)
- **V_z** Velocity at the Desired Elevation *z* (*Meter per Second*)
- **z** Desired Elevation (*Meter*)
- **Δl_n** Mooring Line Elongation (*Meter*)
- **Δl_n'** Elongation in the Mooring Line (*Meter*)
- **ε_m** Percent Elongation in a Mooring Line
- **θ_c** Angle of the Current
- **v'** Kinematic Viscosity in Stokes (*Stokes*)
- **ρ_{air}** Air Density (*Kilogram per Cubic Meter*)
- **ρ_{water}** Water Density (*Kilogram per Cubic Meter*)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Function:** **acos**, `acos(Number)`
The inverse cosine function, is the inverse function of the cosine function. It is the function that takes a ratio as an input and returns the angle whose cosine is equal to that ratio.
- **Function:** **cos**, `cos(Angle)`
Cosine of an angle is the ratio of the side adjacent to the angle to the hypotenuse of the triangle.
- **Function:** **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 Hour (h)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Volume** in Cubic Meter (m³)
Volume Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Meter per Hour (m/h), Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Force** in Kilonewton (kN), Newton (N)
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Surface Tension** in Newton per Meter (N/m)
Surface Tension Unit Conversion 



- **Measurement: Kinematic Viscosity** in Stokes (St)
Kinematic Viscosity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m^3)
Density Unit Conversion 



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