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## List of 14 Important Formulas of Sludge Age

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#### 1) Concentration of Solids in Returned Sludge given MLSS

$$\text{fx } X_{Em} = \frac{X' \cdot V}{Q_w \cdot \theta_c}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.002632\text{mg/L} = \frac{1200\text{mg/L} \cdot 9\text{m}^3}{9.5\text{m}^3/\text{s} \cdot 5\text{d}}$$

#### 2) Endogenous Respiration Rate Constant given Mass of Wasted Activated Sludge

$$\text{fx } K^e = \frac{(Y \cdot Q_s \cdot (Q_i - Q_o)) - M_{ws}}{X' \cdot V}$$

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$$\text{ex } 2.992\text{d}^{-1} = \frac{(0.50 \cdot 10\text{m}^3/\text{s} \cdot (11.2\text{mg/L} - 0.4\text{mg/L})) - 53626\text{mg}}{1200\text{mg/L} \cdot 9\text{m}^3}$$

#### 3) Endogenous Respiration Rate Constant given Maximum Yield Coefficient

$$\text{fx } K_e = (Y \cdot U) - \left( \frac{1}{\theta_c} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 21599.8\text{d}^{-1} = (0.50 \cdot 0.5\text{s}^{-1}) - \left( \frac{1}{5\text{d}} \right)$$

#### 4) Mass of Solids in Reactor

$$\text{fx } M_s = V_r \cdot X'$$

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$$\text{ex } 5000.4\text{mg} = 4.167\text{L} \cdot 1200\text{mg/L}$$




5) Mass of Suspended Solids in System 

$$fx \quad M_{ss} = M' \cdot \theta_c$$

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$$ex \quad 20000mg = 0.004kg/d \cdot 5d$$

6) Mass of Wasted Activated Sludge 

$$fx \quad M_{ws} = (Y \cdot Q_s \cdot (Q_i - Q_o)) - (K^e \cdot V \cdot X')$$

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$$ex \quad 53626.25mg = (0.50 \cdot 10m^3/s \cdot (11.2mg/L - 0.4mg/L)) - (2.99d^{-1} \cdot 9m^3 \cdot 1200mg/L)$$

7) Maximum Yield Coefficient given Sludge Age 

$$fx \quad Y = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\theta_c}\right) + K^e}{U}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.400069 = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{5d}\right) + 2.99d^{-1}}{0.5s^{-1}}$$

8) Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids given Sludge Age 

$$fx \quad X' = \frac{Q_w \cdot X_{Em} \cdot \theta_c}{V}$$

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$$ex \quad 1185.6mg/L = \frac{9.5m^3/s \cdot 0.0026mg/L \cdot 5d}{9m^3}$$

9) MLSS given Sludge Age 

$$fx \quad X_{sa} = \frac{\theta_c \cdot M_{sc}}{V}$$

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$$ex \quad 91200mg/L = \frac{5d \cdot 1.9mg/L}{9m^3}$$




10) Sludge Age 

$$fx \quad \theta_c = \frac{M_{ss}}{M'}$$

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$$ex \quad 5d = \frac{20000mg}{0.004kg/d}$$

11) Sludge Age given Concentration of Solids 

$$fx \quad \theta_c' = \frac{V \cdot X_{sa}}{(Q_w \cdot X^R) + (Q_{max} - Q_w) \cdot X^E}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.437849d = \frac{9m^3 \cdot 91200mg/L}{(9.5m^3/s \cdot 0.526mg/L) + (11.17m^3/s - 9.5m^3/s) \cdot 10.0mg/L}$$

12) Sludge Age given MLSS 

$$fx \quad \theta_c'' = \frac{V \cdot X'}{Q_w \cdot X^R}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.025015d = \frac{9m^3 \cdot 1200mg/L}{9.5m^3/s \cdot 0.526mg/L}$$

13) Sludge Age given Total Solids Removed 

$$fx \quad \theta_{ct} = \frac{V \cdot X^E}{M'}$$

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$$ex \quad 22.5d = \frac{9m^3 \cdot 10.0mg/L}{0.004kg/d}$$



14) Volume of Wasted Sludge Per Day [Open Calculator](#) 

$$\text{fx } Q_w = \frac{M_s}{X^R}$$

$$\text{ex } 9.505703\text{m}^3/\text{s} = \frac{5000\text{mg}}{0.526\text{mg}/\text{L}}$$



## Variables Used









- $K_e$  Endogenous Respiration Constant (1 Per Day)
- $K^e$  Endogenous Respiration Rate Constant (1 Per Day)
- $M_s$  Mass of Solids (Milligram)
- $M_{SC}$  Mass Concentration of Suspended Solids (Milligram per Liter)
- $M_{SS}$  Mass of Suspended Solids (Milligram)
- $M_{WS}$  Mass of Wasted Activated Sludge (Milligram)
- $M^i$  Mass of Solids Leaving the System (Kilogram per Day)
- $Q_i$  Influent BOD (Milligram per Liter)
- $Q_{max}$  Peak Sewage Flow (Cubic Meter per Second)
- $Q_o$  Effluent BOD (Milligram per Liter)
- $Q_s$  Sewage Discharge (Cubic Meter per Second)
- $Q_w$  Volume of Wasted Sludge per day (Cubic Meter per Second)
- $U$  Specific Substrate Utilization Rate (1 Per Second)
- $V$  Volume of Tank (Cubic Meter)
- $V_r$  Volume of Reactor Tank (Liter)
- $X_{Em}$  Concentration of Solids given MLSS (Milligram per Liter)
- $X_{sa}$  MLSS given Sludge Age (Milligram per Liter)
- $X^i$  Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids (Milligram per Liter)
- $X^E$  Concentration of Solids in Effluent (Milligram per Liter)
- $X^R$  Concentration of Solids in Returned Sludge (Milligram per Liter)
- $Y$  Maximum Yield Coefficient
- $\theta_c$  Sludge Age (Day)
- $\theta_{c'}$  Sludge Age given Concentration of Solids (Day)
- $\theta_{c''}$  Sludge Age given MLSS (Day)



- $\theta_{ct}$  Sludge Age given Total Solids Removed (Day)



## Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Measurement: Weight** in Milligram (mg)  
*Weight Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Time** in Day (d)  
*Time Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Volume** in Cubic Meter (m<sup>3</sup>), Liter (L)  
*Volume Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m<sup>3</sup>/s)  
*Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Mass Flow Rate** in Kilogram per Day (kg/d)  
*Mass Flow Rate Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Mass Concentration** in Milligram per Liter (mg/L)  
*Mass Concentration Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Density** in Milligram per Liter (mg/L)  
*Density Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: First Order Reaction Rate Constant** in 1 Per Day (d<sup>-1</sup>), 1 Per Second (s<sup>-1</sup>)  
*First Order Reaction Rate Constant Unit Conversion* 





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