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List of 14 Cnoidal Wave Theory Formulas

Cnoidal Wave Theory

1) Complete Elliptic Integral of Second Kind

fx

Open Calculator 

$$E_k = - \left(\left(\left(\left(\frac{y_t}{d_c} \right) + \left(\frac{H_w}{d_c} \right) - 1 \right) \cdot \frac{3 \cdot \lambda^2}{(16 \cdot d_c^2) \cdot K_k} \right) - K_k \right)$$

$$\text{ex } 27.96819 = - \left(\left(\left(\left(\frac{21\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) + \left(\frac{14\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) - 1 \right) \cdot \frac{3 \cdot (32\text{m})^2}{(16 \cdot (16\text{m})^2) \cdot 28} \right) - 28 \right)$$

2) Distance from Bottom to Crest

fx

Open Calculator 

$$y_c = d_c \cdot \left(\left(\frac{y_t}{d_c} \right) + \left(\frac{H_w}{d_c} \right) \right)$$

$$\text{ex } 35\text{m} = 16\text{m} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{21\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) + \left(\frac{14\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) \right)$$

3) Distance from Bottom to Wave Trough

fx

Open Calculator 

$$y_t = d_c \cdot \left(\left(\frac{y_c}{d_c} \right) - \left(\frac{H_w}{d_c} \right) \right)$$

$$\text{ex } 21\text{m} = 16\text{m} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{35\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) - \left(\frac{14\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) \right)$$




4) Elevation above Bottom given Pressure under Cnoidal Wave in Hydrostatic Form 

$$fx \quad y = - \left(\left(\frac{p}{\rho_s \cdot [g]} \right) - y_s \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 4.92m = - \left(\left(\frac{804.1453Pa}{1025kg/m^3 \cdot [g]} \right) - 5 \right)$$

5) Free Surface Elevation of Solitary Waves 

$$fx \quad \eta = H_w \cdot \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{[g] \cdot d_c} \cdot \left(\frac{H_w}{d_c} \right)} \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 25.5464m = 14m \cdot \left(\frac{20m/s}{\sqrt{[g] \cdot 16m} \cdot \left(\frac{14m}{16m} \right)} \right)$$

6) Ordinate of Water Surface given Pressure under Cnoidal Wave in Hydrostatic Form 

$$fx \quad y_s = \left(\frac{p}{\rho_s \cdot [g]} \right) + y$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 5 = \left(\frac{804.1453Pa}{1025kg/m^3 \cdot [g]} \right) + 4.92m$$

7) Particle Velocities given Free Surface Elevation of Solitary Waves 

$$fx \quad u = \eta \cdot \sqrt{[g] \cdot d_c} \cdot \frac{\frac{H_w}{d_c}}{H_w}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 19.99499m/s = 25.54m \cdot \sqrt{[g] \cdot 16m} \cdot \frac{\frac{14m}{16m}}{14m}$$



8) Pressure under Cnoidal Wave in Hydrostatic Form 

$$fx \quad p = \rho_s \cdot [g] \cdot (y_s - y)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 804.1453Pa = 1025kg/m^3 \cdot [g] \cdot (5 - 4.92m)$$

9) Trough to Crest Wave Height 

$$fx \quad H_w = d_c \cdot \left(\left(\frac{y_c}{d_c} \right) - \left(\frac{y_t}{d_c} \right) \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 14m = 16m \cdot \left(\left(\frac{35m}{16m} \right) - \left(\frac{21m}{16m} \right) \right)$$

10) Wave Height given Distance from Bottom to Wave Trough and Water Depth 

fx

Open Calculator 

$$H_w = -d_c \cdot \left(\left(\frac{y_t}{d_c} \right) - 1 - \left(\left(16 \cdot \frac{d_c^2}{3 \cdot \lambda^2} \right) \cdot K_k \cdot (K_k - E_k) \right) \right)$$

ex

$$14.11467m = -16m \cdot \left(\left(\frac{21m}{16m} \right) - 1 - \left(\left(16 \cdot \frac{(16m)^2}{3 \cdot (32m)^2} \right) \cdot 28 \cdot (28 - 27.968) \right) \right)$$

11) Wave Height Required to Produce Difference in Pressure on Seabed 

$$fx \quad H_w = \frac{\Delta P_c}{(\rho_s \cdot [g]) \cdot \left(0.5 + \left(0.5 \cdot \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3 \cdot \Delta P_c}{\rho_s \cdot [g] \cdot d_c} \right)} \right) \right)}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.991152m = \frac{9500Pa}{(1025kg/m^3 \cdot [g]) \cdot \left(0.5 + \left(0.5 \cdot \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3 \cdot 9500Pa}{1025kg/m^3 \cdot [g] \cdot 16m} \right)} \right) \right)}$$



12) Wave Height when Free Surface Elevation of Solitary Waves 

$$\text{fx } H_w = \eta \cdot \frac{\sqrt{[g] \cdot d_c}}{u \cdot d_c}$$

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 0.99975\text{m} = 25.54\text{m} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{[g] \cdot 16\text{m}}}{20\text{m/s} \cdot 16\text{m}}$$

13) Wavelength for Complete Elliptic Integral of First Kind 

$$\text{fx } \lambda = \sqrt{16 \cdot \frac{d_c^3}{3 \cdot H_w}} \cdot k \cdot K_k$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 32.73897\text{m} = \sqrt{16 \cdot \frac{(16\text{m})^3}{3 \cdot 14\text{m}}} \cdot 0.0296 \cdot 28$$

14) Wavelength for Distance from Bottom to Wave Trough 

$$\text{fx } \lambda = \sqrt{\frac{16 \cdot d_c^2 \cdot K_k \cdot (K_k - E_k)}{3 \cdot \left(\left(\frac{y_t}{d_c} \right) + \left(\frac{H_w}{d_c} \right) - 1 \right)}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 32.09642\text{m} = \sqrt{\frac{16 \cdot (16\text{m})^2 \cdot 28 \cdot (28 - 27.968)}{3 \cdot \left(\left(\frac{21\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) + \left(\frac{14\text{m}}{16\text{m}} \right) - 1 \right)}}$$







Variables Used

- d_c Water Depth for Cnoidal Wave (Meter)
- E_k Complete Elliptic Integral of the Second Kind
- H_w Height of the Wave (Meter)
- H_w' Cnoidal Wave Height (Meter)
- k Modulus of the Elliptic Integrals
- K_k Complete Elliptic Integral of the First Kind
- p Pressure Under Wave (Pascal)
- u Particle Velocity (Meter per Second)
- y Elevation above the Bottom (Meter)
- y_c Distance from the Bottom to the Crest (Meter)
- y_s Ordinate of the Water Surface
- y_t Distance from the Bottom to the Wave Trough (Meter)
- ΔP_c Change in Pressure of Coast (Pascal)
- η Free Surface Elevation (Meter)
- λ Wavelength of Wave (Meter)
- ρ_s Density of Salt Water (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** [g], 9.80665
Gravitational acceleration on Earth
- **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: Pressure** in Pascal (Pa)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m³)
Density Unit Conversion 



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