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List of 9 Return Period and Encounter Probability Formulas

Return Period and Encounter Probability

1) Cumulative Probability of Design Significant Wave Height given Return Period

$$\text{fx } PH_s = - \left(\left(\frac{t}{T_r} \right) - 1 \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.4 = - \left(\left(\frac{30}{50} \right) - 1 \right)$$

2) Encounter Probability

$$\text{fx } P_e = 1 - \left(1 - \left(\frac{t}{T_r} \right) \right)^L$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.941604 = 1 - \left(1 - \left(\frac{30}{50} \right) \right)^{3.1}$$

3) Mean Value of Maximum Monthly Wind Speeds for Wind Speed with r-year Return Period

$$\text{fx } U_m = U_r - (0.78 \cdot \sigma_m \cdot (\ln(12 \cdot T_r) - 0.577))$$

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$$\text{ex } 17.52871\text{m/s} = 32.6\text{m/s} - (0.78 \cdot 3.32 \cdot (\ln(12 \cdot 50) - 0.577))$$



4) Return Period given Cumulative Probability

$$fx \quad T_r = \frac{t}{1 - PH_s}$$

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$$ex \quad 50 = \frac{30}{1 - 0.4}$$

5) Significant Wave Height for Free Long Waves

$$fx \quad H_{sf} = \frac{K \cdot H_s^{1.11} \cdot T_p^{1.25}}{D^{0.25}}$$

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$$ex \quad 16.57771m = \frac{0.0041 \cdot (65m)^{1.11} \cdot (31s)^{1.25}}{(12m)^{0.25}}$$

6) Standard Deviation of Maximum Monthly Wind Speeds given Wind Speed with r-year Return Period

$$fx \quad \sigma_m = \frac{U_r - U_m}{0.78 \cdot (\ln(12 \cdot T_r) - 0.577)}$$

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$$ex \quad 3.326324 = \frac{32.6m/s - 17.50m/s}{0.78 \cdot (\ln(12 \cdot 50) - 0.577)}$$

7) Time Interval Associated with Each Data Point given Return Period

$$fx \quad t = T_r \cdot (1 - PH_s)$$

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$$ex \quad 30 = 50 \cdot (1 - 0.4)$$



8) Velocity at Surface given Volume Flow Rate Per Unit of Ocean Width

$$\text{fx } V_s = \frac{q_x \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{2}}{D_F}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.499824\text{m/s} = \frac{13.5\text{m}^3/\text{s} \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{2}}{120\text{m}}$$

9) Wind Speed with r-year Return Period

$$\text{fx } U_r = U_m + 0.78 \cdot \sigma_m \cdot (\ln(12 \cdot T_r) - 0.577)$$

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$$\text{ex } 32.57129\text{m/s} = 17.50\text{m/s} + 0.78 \cdot 3.32 \cdot (\ln(12 \cdot 50) - 0.577)$$







Variables Used

- **D** Water Depth (*Meter*)
- **D_F** Depth of Frictional Influence (*Meter*)
- **H_S** Significant Wave Height (*Meter*)
- **H_{Sf}** Significant Wave Height for Free Waves (*Meter*)
- **K** Constant for Free Long Waves
- **L** Desired Time Period
- **P_e** Encounter Probability
- **PH_S** Cumulative Probability
- **q_x** Volume Flow Rates per unit of Ocean Width (*Cubic Meter per Second*)
- **t** Time Interval associated with each Data Point
- **T_p** Design Wave Period (*Second*)
- **T_r** Return Period of Wind
- **U_m** Mean Value of Maximum Monthly Wind Speeds (*Meter per Second*)
- **U_r** Wind Speed with r Year Return Period (*Meter per Second*)
- **V_S** Velocity at the Surface (*Meter per Second*)
- **σ_m** Standard Deviation of Maximum Monthly Wind Speeds




Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Function:** **ln**, $\ln(\text{Number})$
The natural logarithm, also known as the logarithm to the base e, is the inverse function of the natural exponential function.
- **Function:** **sqrt**, $\text{sqrt}(\text{Number})$
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 Second (s)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m^3/s)
Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion 



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