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# List of 14 Non-Linear Wave Theory Formulas

## Non-Linear Wave Theory

### 1) First Type of Mean Fluid Speed

$$\text{fx } U_h = C_f - v$$

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$$\text{ex } 14\text{m/s} = 64\text{m/s} - 50\text{m/s}$$

### 2) Mean Depth given Second Type of Mean Fluid Speed

$$\text{fx } d = \frac{V_{\text{rate}}}{C_f - U_h}$$

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$$\text{ex } 10\text{m} = \frac{500\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{64\text{m/s} - 14\text{m/s}}$$

### 3) Mean Depth given Ursell Number

$$\text{fx } d = \left( \frac{H_w \cdot \lambda_o^2}{U} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 10\text{m} = \left( \frac{3\text{m} \cdot (7\text{m})^2}{0.147} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$


### 4) Mean Depth in Stokes' Second Approximation to Wave Speed if there is no Mass Transport

$$\text{fx } d = \frac{V_{\text{rate}}}{v}$$

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$$\text{ex } 10\text{m} = \frac{500\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{50\text{m/s}}$$



5) Relative Height of Highest Wave as Function of Wavelength Obtained by Fenton 

fx

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$$\text{Hmd} = \frac{0.141063 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right) + 0.0095721 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right)^2 + 0.0077829 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right)^3}{1 + 0.078834 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right) + 0.0317567 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right)^2 + 0.0093407 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{d}\right)^3}$$

ex

$$0.098798 = \frac{0.141063 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{m}}{10\text{m}}\right) + 0.0095721 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{m}}{10\text{m}}\right)^2 + 0.0077829 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{m}}{10\text{m}}\right)^3}{1 + 0.078834 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{m}}{10\text{m}}\right) + 0.0317567 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{m}}{10\text{m}}\right)^2 + 0.0093407 \cdot \left(\frac{7\text{m}}{10\text{m}}\right)^3}$$

6) Second Type of Mean Fluid Speed 


fx

$$U_h = C_f - \left(\frac{V_{\text{rate}}}{d}\right)$$

Open Calculator 

ex

$$14\text{m/s} = 64\text{m/s} - \left(\frac{500\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{10\text{m}}\right)$$

7) Stokes' Second Approximation to Wave Speed if there is no Mass Transport 


fx

$$v = \frac{V_{\text{rate}}}{d}$$

Open Calculator 

ex

$$50\text{m/s} = \frac{500\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{10\text{m}}$$

8) Ursell Number 

fx

$$U = \frac{H_w \cdot \lambda_o^2}{d^3}$$

Open Calculator 

ex

$$0.147 = \frac{3\text{m} \cdot (7\text{m})^2}{(10\text{m})^3}$$



### 9) Volume Flow Rate in Stokes' Second Approximation to Wave Speed if there is no Mass Transport

$$\text{fx } V_{\text{rate}} = v \cdot d$$

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$$\text{ex } 500\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 50\text{m}/\text{s} \cdot 10\text{m}$$

### 10) Volume Flow Rate per unit Span Underneath Waves given Second Type of Mean Fluid Speed

$$\text{fx } V_{\text{rate}} = d \cdot (C_f - U_h)$$

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$$\text{ex } 500\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 10\text{m} \cdot (64\text{m}/\text{s} - 14\text{m}/\text{s})$$

### 11) Wave Height given Ursell Number

$$\text{fx } H_w = \frac{U \cdot d^3}{\lambda_o^2}$$

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$$\text{ex } 3\text{m} = \frac{0.147 \cdot (10\text{m})^3}{(7\text{m})^2}$$

### 12) Wave Speed given First Type of Mean Fluid Speed

$$\text{fx } v = C_f - U_h$$

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$$\text{ex } 50\text{m}/\text{s} = 64\text{m}/\text{s} - 14\text{m}/\text{s}$$



### 13) Wave Speed given Second Type of Mean Fluid Speed

$$\text{fx } C_f = U_h + \left( \frac{V_{\text{rate}}}{d} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 64\text{m}/\text{s} = 14\text{m}/\text{s} + \left( \frac{500\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{10\text{m}} \right)$$



14) Wavelength given Ursell Number [Open Calculator](#) 

$$\text{fx } \lambda_o = \left( \frac{U \cdot d^3}{H_w} \right)^{0.5}$$

$$\text{ex } 7\text{m} = \left( \frac{0.147 \cdot (10\text{m})^3}{3\text{m}} \right)^{0.5}$$






## Variables Used

- $C_f$  Fluid Stream Velocity (Meter per Second)
- $d$  Coastal Mean Depth (Meter)
- $H_w$  Wave Height for Surface Gravity Waves (Meter)
- $H_{md}$  Relative Height as a function of Wavelength
- $U$  Ursell Number
- $U_h$  Mean Horizontal Fluid Velocity (Meter per Second)
- $v$  Wave Speed (Meter per Second)
- $V_{rate}$  Rate of Volume Flow (Cubic Meter per Second)
- $\lambda_o$  Deep-Water Wavelength (Meter)



## Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m)  
*Length Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)  
*Speed Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m<sup>3</sup>/s)  
*Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion* 



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