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List of 14 Forces on Steering System and Axles Formulas

Forces on Steering System and Axles

1) Centripetal Acceleration during Cornering

$$\text{fx } a_c = \frac{v_t \cdot v_t}{R}$$

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$$\text{ex } 400\text{m/s}^2 = \frac{60\text{m/s} \cdot 60\text{m/s}}{9\text{m}}$$

2) Characteristic Speed for Understeer Vehicles

$$\text{fx } v_u = \sqrt{\frac{57.3 \cdot L \cdot g}{K}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 913.9383\text{m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{57.3 \cdot 2.7\text{m} \cdot 9.8\text{m/s}^2}{0.104^\circ}}$$

3) Critical Speed for Oversteer Vehicle

$$\text{fx } v_o = -\sqrt{\frac{57.3 \cdot L \cdot g}{K}}$$

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$$\text{ex } -913.9383\text{m/s} = -\sqrt{\frac{57.3 \cdot 2.7\text{m} \cdot 9.8\text{m/s}^2}{0.104^\circ}}$$

4) Front Slip Angle at High Cornering Speed

$$\text{fx } \alpha_f = \beta + \left(\left(\frac{a \cdot r}{v_t} \right) - \delta \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.77^\circ = 0.34^\circ + \left(\left(\frac{1.8\text{m} \cdot 25\text{degree/s}}{60\text{m/s}} \right) - 0.32^\circ \right)$$

5) Lateral Acceleration during Cornering of Car

$$\text{fx } A_\alpha = \frac{a_c}{g}$$

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$$\text{ex } 40.81633\text{m/s}^2 = \frac{400\text{m/s}^2}{9.8\text{m/s}^2}$$



6) Load on Front Axle at High Speed Cornering 

$$f_x \quad W_{fl} = \frac{W \cdot b}{L}$$

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$$ex \quad 1481.481N = \frac{20000N \cdot 0.2m}{2.7m}$$

7) Load on Rear Axle at High Speed Cornering 

$$f_x \quad W_r = \frac{W \cdot a}{L}$$

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$$ex \quad 13333.33N = \frac{20000N \cdot 1.8m}{2.7m}$$

8) Moment about Steeraxis due to Driveline Torque 

$$f_x \quad M_{sa} = F_x \cdot ((d \cdot \cos(v) \cdot \cos(\lambda_1)) + (R_e \cdot \sin(\lambda_1 + \zeta)))$$

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$$ex \quad 170.3342N \cdot m = 450N \cdot ((0.21m \cdot \cos(4.5^\circ) \cdot \cos(10^\circ)) + (0.35m \cdot \sin(10^\circ + 19.5^\circ)))$$

9) Moment Arising due to Lateral Forces on Wheels during Steering 

$$f_x \quad M_l = (F_{yl} + F_{yr}) \cdot R_e \cdot \tan(v)$$

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$$ex \quad 28.37197N \cdot m = (510N + 520N) \cdot 0.35m \cdot \tan(4.5^\circ)$$

10) Moment Arising from Traction Force on Wheels during Steering 

$$f_x \quad M_t = (F_{xl} - F_{xr}) \cdot d_L$$

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$$ex \quad 4N \cdot m = (560N - 460N) \cdot 0.04m$$


11) Moment due to Vertical Force on Wheels during Steering 

$$f_x \quad M_v = ((F_{zl} - F_{zr}) \cdot d_L \cdot \sin(v) \cdot \cos(\delta)) - ((F_{zl} + F_{zr}) \cdot d_L \cdot \sin(\lambda_1) \cdot \sin(\delta))$$

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ex

$$0.108424N \cdot m = ((650N - 600N) \cdot 0.04m \cdot \sin(4.5^\circ) \cdot \cos(0.32^\circ)) - ((650N + 600N) \cdot 0.04m \cdot \sin(10^\circ) \cdot \sin(0))$$


12) Rear Slip Angle due to High Speed Cornering 

$$f_x \quad \alpha_r = \beta - \left(\frac{b \cdot r}{v_t} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 0.256667^\circ = 0.34^\circ - \left(\frac{0.2m \cdot 25 \text{degree/s}}{60m/s} \right)$$




13) Self Aligning Moment or Torque on Wheels 

fx $M_{at} = (M_{zl} + M_{zr}) \cdot \cos(\lambda_1) \cdot \cos(v)$

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ex $100.1407\text{N}\cdot\text{m} = (27\text{N}\cdot\text{m} + 75\text{N}\cdot\text{m}) \cdot \cos(10^\circ) \cdot \cos(4.5^\circ)$

14) Track Width of Vehicle using Ackermann Condition 

fx $a_{tw} = (\cot(\delta_o) - \cot(\delta_i)) \cdot L$

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ex $1.99783\text{m} = (\cot(16^\circ) - \cot(20^\circ)) \cdot 2.7\text{m}$



Variables Used








- **a** Distance of c.g from Front Axle (Meter)
- **a_c** Centripetal Acceleration during Cornering (Meter per Square Second)
- **a_{tw}** Track Width of Vehicle (Meter)
- **A_α** Horizontal Lateral Acceleration (Meter per Square Second)
- **b** Distance of c.g from Rear Axle (Meter)
- **d** Distance between Steeraxis and Tire center (Meter)
- **d_L** Lateral Offset at Ground (Meter)
- **F_x** Tractive Force (Newton)
- **F_{xl}** Tractive Force on Left Wheels (Newton)
- **F_{xr}** Tractive Force on Right Wheels (Newton)
- **F_{yl}** Lateral Force on Left Wheels (Newton)
- **F_{yr}** Lateral Force on Right Wheels (Newton)
- **F_{zl}** Vertical Load on Left Wheels (Newton)
- **F_{zr}** Vertical Load on Right Wheels (Newton)
- **g** Acceleration due to Gravity (Meter per Square Second)
- **K** Understeer Gradient (Degree)
- **L** Wheelbase of Vehicle (Meter)
- **M_{at}** Self Aligning Moment (Newton Meter)
- **M_l** Moment on Wheels Arising from Lateral Force (Newton Meter)
- **M_{sa}** Moment about Steeraxis due to Driveline Torque (Newton Meter)
- **M_t** Moment Arising from Traction Force (Newton Meter)
- **M_v** Moment arising from Vertical Forces on Wheels (Newton Meter)
- **M_{zl}** Aligning Moment Acting on Left Tires (Newton Meter)
- **M_{zr}** Aligning Moment on Right Tires (Newton Meter)
- **r** Yaw Velocity (Degree per Second)
- **R** Radius of Turn (Meter)
- **R_e** Radius of Tire (Meter)
- **v_o** Critical Speed for Oversteer Vehicles (Meter per Second)
- **v_t** Total Velocity (Meter per Second)
- **v_u** Characteristic Speed for Understeer Vehicles (Meter per Second)
- **W** Total Load of Vehicle (Newton)
- **W_{fl}** Load on Front Axle at High Speed Cornering (Newton)
- **W_r** Load on Rear Axle at High Speed Cornering (Newton)



- α_f Slip Angle of Front Wheel (Degree)
- α_r Slip Angle of Rear Wheel (Degree)
- β Vehicle Body Slip Angle (Degree)
- δ Steer Angle (Degree)
- δ_i Steering Angle Inner Wheel (Degree)
- δ_o Steering Angle Outer Wheel (Degree)
- ζ Angle made by Front Axle with Horizontal (Degree)
- λ_l Lateral Inclination Angle (Degree)
- ν Caster Angle (Degree)







Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Function: cos**, $\cos(\text{Angle})$
Cosine of an angle is the ratio of the side adjacent to the angle to the hypotenuse of the triangle.
- **Function: cot**, $\cot(\text{Angle})$
Cotangent is a trigonometric function that is defined as the ratio of the adjacent side to the opposite side in a right triangle.
- **Function: sin**, $\sin(\text{Angle})$
Sine is a trigonometric function that describes the ratio of the length of the opposite side of a right triangle to the length of the hypotenuse.
- **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.
- **Function: tan**, $\tan(\text{Angle})$
The tangent of an angle is a trigonometric ratio of the length of the side opposite an angle to the length of the side adjacent to an angle in a right triangle.
- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Acceleration** in Meter per Square Second (m/s^2)
Acceleration Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Force** in Newton (N)
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Angle** in Degree ($^\circ$)
Angle Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Angular Velocity** in Degree per Second (degree/s)
Angular Velocity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Torque** in Newton Meter ($\text{N}\cdot\text{m}$)
Torque Unit Conversion 



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