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# List of 18 Wave Parameters Formulas

## Wave Parameters ↗

### 1) Angular or Radian Frequency of Wave ↗

**fx**  $\omega = 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{P}$

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**ex**  $6.10018 \text{ rad/s} = 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{1.03}$

### 2) Eckart's Equation for Wavelength ↗

**fx**

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$$\lambda = \left( \left( [g] \cdot \frac{P^2}{2} \cdot \pi \right) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\tanh(4 \cdot \pi^2 \cdot d)}{P^2}} \cdot [g] \right)$$

**ex**  $49.68647 \text{ m} = \left( \left( [g] \cdot \frac{(1.03)^2}{2} \cdot \pi \right) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\tanh(4 \cdot \pi^2 \cdot 0.91 \text{ m})}{(1.03)^2}} \cdot [g] \right)$

### 3) Elevation of Water Surface Relative to SWL ↗

**fx**  $\eta = a \cdot \cos(\theta)$

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**ex**  $1.351 \text{ m} = 1.56 \text{ m} \cdot \cos(30^\circ)$



## 4) Major Horizontal Semi-Axis given wavelength, Wave Height and Water Depth ↗

**fx**

$$A = \left( \frac{H}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{\cosh\left(2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{D_{Z+d}}{\lambda}\right)}{\sinh\left(2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{d}{\lambda}\right)}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**

$$7.758974 = \left( \frac{3m}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{\cosh\left(2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{2m}{26.8m}\right)}{\sinh\left(2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{0.91m}{26.8m}\right)}$$

## 5) Maximum Wave Steepness for Waves Travelling ↗

**fx**

$$\varepsilon_s = 0.142 \cdot \tanh\left(2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{d}{\lambda}\right)$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**

$$0.029844 = 0.142 \cdot \tanh\left(2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{0.91m}{26.8m}\right)$$

## 6) Minor Vertical Semi-Axis given Wavelength, Wave Height and Water Depth ↗

**fx**

$$B = \left( \frac{H}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{\sinh\left(2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{D_{Z+d}}{\lambda}\right)}{\sinh\left(2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{d}{\lambda}\right)}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**

$$3.393043 = \left( \frac{3m}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{\sinh\left(2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{2m}{26.8m}\right)}{\sinh\left(2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{0.91m}{26.8m}\right)}$$



## 7) Phase Velocity or Wave Celerity ↗

**fx**  $C = \frac{\lambda}{P}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**  $26.01942\text{m/s} = \frac{26.8\text{m}}{1.03}$

## 8) Phase Velocity or Wave Celerity given Radian Frequency and Wavenumber ↗

**fx**  $C = \frac{\omega}{k}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**  $26.95652\text{m/s} = \frac{6.2\text{rad/s}}{0.23}$

## 9) Radian Frequency given Wave Celerity ↗

**fx**  $\omega = C \cdot k$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**  $5.5315\text{rad/s} = 24.05\text{m/s} \cdot 0.23$

## 10) Water Depth for Maximum Wave Steepness of Waves Travelling ↗

**fx**  $d = \lambda \cdot a \frac{\tanh\left(\frac{\varepsilon_s}{0.142}\right)}{2 \cdot \pi}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**  $0.914909\text{m} = 26.8\text{m} \cdot a \frac{\tanh\left(\frac{0.03}{0.142}\right)}{2 \cdot \pi}$



## 11) Wave Amplitude ↗

**fx**  $a = \frac{H}{2}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**  $1.5m = \frac{3m}{2}$

## 12) Wave Amplitude given Elevation of Water Surface Relative to SWL ↗

**fx**  $a = \frac{\eta}{\cos(\theta)}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**  $0.207846m = \frac{0.18m}{\cos(30^\circ)}$

## 13) Wave Height given Maximum Wave Steepness Limit by Michell ↗

**fx**  $H = \lambda \cdot 0.142$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**  $3.8056m = 26.8m \cdot 0.142$

## 14) Wave Number given Wave Celerity ↗

**fx**  $k = \frac{\omega}{C}$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

**ex**  $0.257796 = \frac{6.2\text{rad/s}}{24.05\text{m/s}}$



**15) Wave number given wavelength** ↗

$$fx \quad k = 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{\lambda}$$

**Open Calculator** ↗

$$ex \quad 0.234447 = 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{26.8m}$$

**16) Wave Steepness** ↗

$$fx \quad \varepsilon_s = \frac{H}{\lambda}$$

**Open Calculator** ↗

$$ex \quad 0.11194 = \frac{3m}{26.8m}$$

**17) Wavelength for Maximum Wave Steepness** ↗

$$fx \quad \lambda = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{d}{a} \tanh\left(\frac{\varepsilon_s}{0.142}\right)$$

**Open Calculator** ↗

$$ex \quad 26.65621m = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{0.91m}{a} \tanh\left(\frac{0.03}{0.142}\right)$$

**18) Wavelength given Maximum Wave Steepness Limit by Michell** ↗

$$fx \quad \lambda = \frac{H}{0.142}$$

**Open Calculator** ↗

$$ex \quad 21.12676m = \frac{3m}{0.142}$$



## Variables Used

- **a** Wave Amplitude (*Meter*)
- **A** Horizontal Semi-axis of Water Particle
- **B** Vertical Semi-Axis
- **C** Celerity of The Wave (*Meter per Second*)
- **d** Water Depth (*Meter*)
- **D<sub>Z+d</sub>** Distance above the Bottom (*Meter*)
- **H** Wave Height (*Meter*)
- **k** Wave Number
- **P** Wave Period
- **ε<sub>s</sub>** Wave Steepness
- **η** Elevation of Water Surface (*Meter*)
- **θ** Theta (*Degree*)
- **λ** Wavelength (*Meter*)
- **ω** Wave Angular Frequency (*Radian per Second*)



# Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288  
*Archimedes' constant*
- **Constant:** **[g]**, 9.80665  
*Gravitational acceleration on Earth*
- **Function:** **atanh**, atanh(Number)  
*The inverse hyperbolic tangent function returns the value whose hyperbolic tangent is a number.*
- **Function:** **cos**, cos(Angle)  
*Cosine of an angle is the ratio of the side adjacent to the angle to the hypotenuse of the triangle.*
- **Function:** **cosh**, cosh(Number)  
*The hyperbolic cosine function is a mathematical function that is defined as the ratio of the sum of the exponential functions of x and negative x to 2.*
- **Function:** **sinh**, sinh(Number)  
*The hyperbolic sine function, also known as the sinh function, is a mathematical function that is defined as the hyperbolic analogue of the sine function.*
- **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.*
- **Function:** **tanh**, tanh(Number)  
*The hyperbolic tangent function (tanh) is a function that is defined as the ratio of the hyperbolic sine function (sinh) to the hyperbolic cosine function (cosh).*
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)  
*Length Unit Conversion* 



- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)  
*Speed Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Degree ( $^{\circ}$ )  
*Angle Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Angular Frequency** in Radian per Second (rad/s)  
*Angular Frequency Unit Conversion* 



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