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# List of 17 Cable System, Sag and Drainage on Bridges Formulas

## Cable System, Sag and Drainage on Bridges ↗

### Cable Systems ↗

#### 1) Cable Tension using Natural Frequency of Each Cable ↗

**fx** 
$$T = \left( \left( \omega_n \cdot \frac{L_{\text{span}}}{n} \cdot \pi \right)^2 \right) \cdot \frac{q}{[g]}$$

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**ex** 
$$600.9406\text{kN} = \left( \left( 5.1\text{Hz} \cdot \frac{15\text{m}}{9.9} \cdot \pi \right)^2 \right) \cdot \frac{10.0\text{kN/m}}{[g]}$$

#### 2) Fundamental Vibration Mode given Natural Frequency of Each Cable ↗

**fx** 
$$n = \frac{\omega_n \cdot \pi \cdot L_{\text{span}}}{\sqrt{T}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{q}{[g]}}$$

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**ex** 
$$9.907757 = \frac{5.1\text{Hz} \cdot \pi \cdot 15\text{m}}{\sqrt{600\text{kN}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{10.0\text{kN/m}}{[g]}}$$



### 3) Natural Frequency of Each Cable ↗

$$fx \quad \omega_n = \left( \frac{n}{\pi \cdot L_{\text{span}}} \right) \cdot \sqrt{T \cdot \frac{[g]}{q}}$$

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$$ex \quad 5.096007 \text{Hz} = \left( \frac{9.9}{\pi \cdot 15 \text{m}} \right) \cdot \sqrt{600 \text{kN} \cdot \frac{[g]}{10.0 \text{kN/m}}}$$

### 4) Span of Cable given Natural Frequency of Each Cable ↗

$$fx \quad L_{\text{span}} = \left( \frac{n}{\pi \cdot \omega_n} \right) \cdot \sqrt{T \cdot \left( \frac{[g]}{q} \right)}$$

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$$ex \quad 14.98826 \text{m} = \left( \frac{9.9}{\pi \cdot 5.1 \text{Hz}} \right) \cdot \sqrt{600 \text{kN} \cdot \left( \frac{[g]}{10.0 \text{kN/m}} \right)}$$

## Catenary Cable Sag and Distance between Supports ↗



### 5) Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable ↗

$$fx \quad c = \left( \frac{T_s}{q} \right) - d$$

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$$ex \quad 19.56 \text{m} = \left( \frac{210 \text{kN}}{10.0 \text{kN/m}} \right) - 1.44 \text{m}$$



## 6) Maximum Sag given Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable ↗

$$fx \quad d = (-c) + \left( \frac{T_s}{q} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 1.44m = (-19.56m) + \left( \frac{210kN}{10.0kN/m} \right)$$

## 7) Span of Cable given Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable ↗

$$fx \quad L_{\text{span}} = 2 \cdot c$$

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$$ex \quad 39.12m = 2 \cdot 19.56m$$

## 8) Tension at Supports given Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable ↗

$$fx \quad T_s = (d + c) \cdot q$$

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$$ex \quad 210kN = (1.44m + 19.56m) \cdot 10.0kN/m$$

## 9) Total Sag given Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable ↗

$$fx \quad f_{\text{cable}} = d + c$$

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$$ex \quad 21m = 1.44m + 19.56m$$



**10) UDL given Catenary Parameter for UDL on Catenary Parabolic Cable**

$$fx \quad q = \frac{T_s}{d + c}$$

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$$ex \quad 10\text{kN/m} = \frac{210\text{kN}}{1.44\text{m} + 19.56\text{m}}$$

**Rainwater Accumulation and Drainage on Bridges****11) Average Rainfall Intensity given Runoff Rate of Rainwater from Bridge during Rainstorm**

$$fx \quad I = \frac{q_p}{1.00083 \cdot C_r \cdot A_{\text{catchment}}}$$

**Open Calculator**

$$ex \quad 16.00032\text{mm/min} = \frac{1.256\text{m}^3/\text{s}}{1.00083 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 9412\text{m}^2}$$

**12) Deck Width for Handling Rainwater Runoff to Drain Scuppers**

$$fx \quad w = S + \frac{t}{3}$$

**Open Calculator**

$$ex \quad 4.5\text{m} = 2.5\text{m} + \frac{6}{3}$$



### 13) Drainage Area given Runoff Rate of Rainwater from Bridge during Rainstorm ↗

$$fx \quad A_{\text{catchment}} = \frac{q_p}{1.00083 \cdot C_r \cdot I}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 9412.188 \text{m}^2 = \frac{1.256 \text{m}^3/\text{s}}{1.00083 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 16 \text{mm/min}}$$

### 14) Runoff Coefficient given Runoff Rate of Rainwater from Bridge during Rainstorm ↗

$$fx \quad C_r = \frac{q_p}{1.00083 \cdot I \cdot A_{\text{catchment}}}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.50001 = \frac{1.256 \text{m}^3/\text{s}}{1.00083 \cdot 16 \text{mm/min} \cdot 9412 \text{m}^2}$$

### 15) Runoff Rate of Rainwater from Bridge during Rainstorm ↗

$$fx \quad q_p = 1.00083 \cdot C_r \cdot I \cdot A_{\text{catchment}}$$

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$$ex \quad 1.255975 \text{m}^3/\text{s} = 1.00083 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 16 \text{mm/min} \cdot 9412 \text{m}^2$$

### 16) Shoulder Width for Deck Width of Rainwater Runoff to Drain Scuppers ↗

$$fx \quad S = w - \left( \frac{t}{3} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 2.5 \text{m} = 4.5 \text{m} - \left( \frac{6}{3} \right)$$



## 17) Traffic Lane given Deck Width for Handling Rainwater Runoff to Drain Scuppers

**fx**  $t = (w - S) \cdot 3$

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**ex**  $6 = (4.5m - 2.5m) \cdot 3$



## Variables Used

- $A_{\text{catchment}}$  Catchment Area for Rainstorm (Square Meter)
- $c$  Catenary Parameter (Meter)
- $C_r$  Runoff Coefficient
- $d$  Maximum Sag (Meter)
- $f_{\text{cable}}$  Sag of Cable (Meter)
- $I$  Intensity of Rainfall (Millimeter per Minute)
- $L_{\text{span}}$  Cable Span (Meter)
- $n$  Fundamental Vibration Mode
- $q$  Uniformly Distributed Load (Kilonewton per Meter)
- $q_p$  Peak Rate of Runoff (Cubic Meter per Second)
- $S$  Shoulder Width (Meter)
- $t$  Number of Traffic Lane
- $T$  Cable Tension (Kilonewton)
- $T_s$  Tension at Supports (Kilonewton)
- $W$  Width of Deck (Meter)
- $\omega_n$  Natural Frequency (Hertz)



# Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288  
*Archimedes' constant*
- **Constant:** **[g]**, 9.80665 Meter/Second<sup>2</sup>  
*Gravitational acceleration on Earth*
- **Function:** **sqrt**, sqrt(Number)  
*Square root function*
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)  
*Length Unit Conversion* ↗
- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter (m<sup>2</sup>)  
*Area Unit Conversion* ↗
- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Millimeter per Minute (mm/min)  
*Speed Unit Conversion* ↗
- **Measurement:** **Force** in Kilonewton (kN)  
*Force Unit Conversion* ↗
- **Measurement:** **Frequency** in Hertz (Hz)  
*Frequency Unit Conversion* ↗
- **Measurement:** **Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m<sup>3</sup>/s)  
*Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion* ↗
- **Measurement:** **Surface Tension** in Kilonewton per Meter (kN/m)  
*Surface Tension Unit Conversion* ↗



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- [General Relation for Suspension Cables Formulas](#) ↗

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