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List of 23 Electromagnetic Distance Measurement Formulas

Electromagnetic Distance Measurement ↗

EDM Corrections ↗

1) Barometric Pressure given Group Refractive Index ↗

$$\text{fx } P_b = \left((n - 1) + \left(\left(\frac{11.27 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot e}{273.15 + t} \right) \right) \right) \cdot \left(\frac{273.15 + t}{0.269578 \cdot (n_0 - 1)} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 6884.118 = \left((2 - 1) + \left(\left(\frac{11.27 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 1006\text{mbar}}{273.15 + 98} \right) \right) \right) \cdot \left(\frac{273.15 + 98}{0.269578 \cdot (1.2 - 1)} \right)$$

2) Corrected Slope Distance for Refractive Index ↗

$$\text{fx } D_c = \left(\frac{n_s}{RI} \right) \cdot D_m$$

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$$\text{ex } 135.4089\text{m} = \left(\frac{1.9}{1.333} \right) \cdot 95\text{m}$$

3) Essen and Froome Formula for Group Refractive Index ↗

fx

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$$n = 1 + \left(77.624 \cdot P_b \cdot \frac{10^{-6}}{273.15 + t} \right) + \left(\left(\frac{0.372}{(273.15 + t)^2} \right) - \left(12.92 \cdot \frac{10^{-6}}{273.15 + t} \right) \right) \cdot e$$

ex

$$1.269616 = 1 + \left(77.624 \cdot 6921.213 \cdot \frac{10^{-6}}{273.15 + 98} \right) + \left(\left(\frac{0.372}{(273.15 + 98)^2} \right) - \left(12.92 \cdot \frac{10^{-6}}{273.15 + 98} \right) \right) \cdot 10^0$$

4) Group Refractive Index at Standard Conditions ↗

$$\text{fx } n_0 = 1 + \left(287.604 + \left(\frac{4.8864}{\lambda^2} \right) + \left(\frac{0.068}{\lambda^4} \right) \right) \cdot 10^{-6}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1.000288 = 1 + \left(287.604 + \left(\frac{4.8864}{(20\text{m})^2} \right) + \left(\frac{0.068}{(20\text{m})^4} \right) \right) \cdot 10^{-6}$$



5) Group Refractive Index if Temperature and Humidity are different from Standard Values ↗

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fx $n = 1 + \left(\frac{0.269578 \cdot (n_0 - 1) \cdot P_b}{273.15 + t} \right) - \left(\left(\frac{11.27}{273.15 + t} \right) \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot e \right)$

ex $2.005389 = 1 + \left(\frac{0.269578 \cdot (1.2 - 1) \cdot 6921.213}{273.15 + 98} \right) - \left(\left(\frac{11.27}{273.15 + 98} \right) \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 1006\text{mbar} \right)$

6) IUCG Formula for Refractive Index ↗

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fx $n = 1 + \left(0.000077624 \cdot \frac{P_b}{273.15 + t} \right) - \left(\left(\left(\frac{12.924}{273.15 + t} \right) + \left(\frac{371900}{(273.15 + t)^2} \right) \right) \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot e \right)$

ex

$0.998697 = 1 + \left(0.000077624 \cdot \frac{6921.213}{273.15 + 98} \right) - \left(\left(\left(\frac{12.924}{273.15 + 98} \right) + \left(\frac{371900}{(273.15 + 98)^2} \right) \right) \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 1006\text{mbar} \right)$

7) Overall Standard Error ↗

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fx $\sigma_D = \sqrt{E_s^2 + (D \cdot p \cdot 10^{-6})^2}$

ex $60 = \sqrt{(60)^2 + (50\text{m} \cdot 65 \cdot 10^{-6})^2}$

8) Partial Pressure of Water Vapour when Temperature Effects are Considered ↗

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fx $e = e_w - 0.7 \cdot \Delta T$

ex $1006\text{mbar} = 1013\text{mbar} - 0.7 \cdot 10$

9) Temperature Difference given Partial Pressure ↗

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fx $\Delta T = \frac{e_w - e}{0.7}$

ex $10 = \frac{1013\text{mbar} - 1006\text{mbar}}{0.7}$

10) Wave Velocity in Medium ↗

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fx $V = \frac{V_0}{RI}$

ex $150.0375\text{m/s} = \frac{200\text{m/s}}{1.333}$



11) Wave Velocity in Vacuum 

$$\text{fx } V_0 = V \cdot RI$$

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$$\text{ex } 198.617\text{m/s} = 149\text{m/s} \cdot 1.333$$

EDM Lines 12) Reduced Distance 

$$\text{fx } K = R \cdot \sqrt{\frac{(D - (H_2 - H_1)) \cdot (D + (H_2 - H_1))}{(R + H_1) \cdot (R + H_2)}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 49.21355\text{m} = 6370 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{(50\text{m} - (100\text{m} - 101\text{m})) \cdot (50\text{m} + (100\text{m} - 101\text{m}))}{(6370 + 101\text{m}) \cdot (6370 + 100\text{m})}}$$

13) Spheroidal Distance 

$$\text{fx } S = K + \left(\frac{K^3}{24 \cdot R^2} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 49.50012\text{m} = 49.5\text{m} + \left(\frac{(49.5\text{m})^3}{24 \cdot (6370)^2} \right)$$

14) Spheroidal Distance for Geodimeters 

$$\text{fx } S = K + \left(\frac{K^3}{38 \cdot R^2} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 49.50008\text{m} = 49.5\text{m} + \left(\frac{(49.5\text{m})^3}{38 \cdot (6370)^2} \right)$$

15) Spheroidal Distance for Tellurometers 

$$\text{fx } S = K + \left(\frac{K^3}{43 \cdot R^2} \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 49.50007\text{m} = 49.5\text{m} + \left(\frac{(49.5\text{m})^3}{43 \cdot (6370)^2} \right)$$



Phase Difference Method ↗

16) Double Path Measurement ↗

$$\text{fx } 2D = M \cdot \lambda + \delta\lambda$$

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$$\text{ex } 649.6\text{m} = 32 \cdot 20\text{m} + 9.6\text{m}$$

17) Fraction Part of Wavelength ↗

$$\text{fx } \delta\lambda = \left(\frac{\Phi}{2 \cdot \pi} \right) \cdot \lambda$$

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$$\text{ex } 9.549297\text{m} = \left(\frac{3}{2 \cdot \pi} \right) \cdot 20\text{m}$$

18) Fraction Part of Wavelength given Double Path Measurement ↗

$$\text{fx } \delta\lambda = (2D - (M \cdot \lambda))$$

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$$\text{ex } 9.6\text{m} = (649.6\text{m} - (32 \cdot 20\text{m}))$$

19) Integer Part of Wavelength for given Double Path ↗

$$\text{fx } M = \frac{2D - \delta\lambda}{\lambda}$$

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$$\text{ex } 32 = \frac{649.6\text{m} - 9.6\text{m}}{20\text{m}}$$

20) Wavelength given Double Path ↗

$$\text{fx } \lambda = \frac{2D - \delta\lambda}{M}$$

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$$\text{ex } 20\text{m} = \frac{649.6\text{m} - 9.6\text{m}}{32}$$

Pulse Method ↗

21) Completion Time for given Distance of Path ↗

$$\text{fx } \Delta t = 2 \cdot \frac{D}{c}$$

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$$\text{ex } 0.502513 = 2 \cdot \frac{50\text{m}}{199\text{m/s}}$$



22) Distance Measured [Open Calculator !\[\]\(eafc244b53721dd1ec133f0772f70fc7_img.jpg\)](#)


$$D = c \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{2}$$


$$49.75\text{m} = 199\text{m/s} \cdot \frac{0.5}{2}$$

23) Velocity in Medium given Distance [Open Calculator !\[\]\(10f8862fc183b400327470ea85afe9ae_img.jpg\)](#)


$$c = 2 \cdot \frac{D}{\Delta t}$$


$$200\text{m/s} = 2 \cdot \frac{50\text{m}}{0.5}$$



Variables Used

- **2D** Double Path (*Meter*)
- **c** Velocity of Light wave (*Meter per Second*)
- **D** Distance Traveled (*Meter*)
- **D_c** Corrected Slope (*Meter*)
- **D_m** Measured Distance (*Meter*)
- **e** Partial Pressure of Water Vapour (*Millibar*)
- **E_s** Standard Error e
- **e_w** Saturated Vapor Pressure of Water (*Millibar*)
- **H₁** Elevation of a (*Meter*)
- **H₂** Elevation of b (*Meter*)
- **K** Reduced Distance (*Meter*)
- **M** Integer part of Wave Length
- **n** Group Refractive Index
- **n₀** Group Refractive Index for Standard Condition
- **n_s** Standard Refractive Index
- **p** Standard Error p
- **P_b** Barometric Pressure
- **R** Earth Radius in km
- **RI** Refractive Index
- **S** Spheroidal Distance (*Meter*)
- **t** Temperature in Celsius
- **V** Wave Velocity (*Meter per Second*)
- **V₀** Velocity in Vacuum (*Meter per Second*)
- **Δt** Time Taken
- **ΔT** Temperature Change
- **δλ** Fraction of Wavelength (*Meter*)
- **λ** Wavelength (*Meter*)
- **σ_D** Overall Standard Error
- **Φ** Phase Difference



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** pi, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Function:** sqrt, sqrt(Number)
Square root function
- **Measurement:** Length in Meter (m)
Length Unit Conversion ↗
- **Measurement:** Pressure in Millibar (mbar)
Pressure Unit Conversion ↗
- **Measurement:** Speed in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion ↗



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