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List of 18 Estimation of Effective Length of Columns Formulas

Estimation of Effective Length of Columns

1) Actual Length given Slenderness Ratio

$$\text{fx } L = \lambda \cdot r$$

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$$\text{ex } 5000\text{mm} = 100 \cdot 50\text{mm}$$

2) Actual Length of Column given Effective Length if Both Ends of Column are Fixed

$$\text{fx } L = 2 \cdot L_e$$

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$$\text{ex } 5000\text{mm} = 2 \cdot 2500\text{mm}$$

3) Actual Length of Column given Effective Length if One End is Fixed Other is Free

$$\text{fx } L = \frac{L_e}{2}$$

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$$\text{ex } 1250\text{mm} = \frac{2500\text{mm}}{2}$$



4) Actual Length of Column given Effective Length if One End is Fixed Other is Hinged

$$fx \quad L = \sqrt{2} \cdot L_e$$

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$$ex \quad 3535.534mm = \sqrt{2} \cdot 2500mm$$

5) Effective Length of Column given Actual Length if Both Ends of Column are Fixed

$$fx \quad L_e = \frac{L}{2}$$

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$$ex \quad 2500mm = \frac{5000mm}{2}$$

6) Effective Length of Column given Actual Length if One End is Fixed Other is Free

$$fx \quad L_e = 2 \cdot L$$

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$$ex \quad 10000mm = 2 \cdot 5000mm$$

7) Effective Length of Column given Actual Length if One End is Fixed Other is Hinged

$$fx \quad L_e = \frac{L}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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$$ex \quad 3535.534mm = \frac{5000mm}{\sqrt{2}}$$



8) Effective Length of Column given Crippling Load for any type of End Condition

$$\text{fx } L_e = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 \cdot \varepsilon_c \cdot I}{P_{cr}}}$$

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$$\text{ex } 2500.676\text{mm} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 \cdot 10.56\text{MPa} \cdot 60000\text{cm}^4}{10000\text{N}}}$$

9) Effective Length of Column given Crippling Stress

$$\text{fx } L_e = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 \cdot \varepsilon_c \cdot r^2}{\sigma_{\text{crippling}}}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 3609.415\text{mm} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 \cdot 10.56\text{MPa} \cdot (50\text{mm})^2}{0.02\text{MPa}}}$$

10) Least Radius of Gyration given Slenderness Ratio

$$\text{fx } r = \frac{L}{\lambda}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 50\text{mm} = \frac{5000\text{mm}}{100}$$



11) Modulus of Elasticity given Crippling Load for any type of End Condition

$$\text{fx } \epsilon_c = \frac{P_{cr} \cdot L_e^2}{\pi^2 \cdot I}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 10.55429\text{MPa} = \frac{10000\text{N} \cdot (2500\text{mm})^2}{\pi^2 \cdot 60000\text{cm}^4}$$

12) Modulus of Elasticity of Column given Crippling Stress

$$\text{fx } \epsilon_c = \frac{\sigma_{crippling} \cdot L_e^2}{\pi^2 \cdot r^2}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 5.066059\text{MPa} = \frac{0.02\text{MPa} \cdot (2500\text{mm})^2}{\pi^2 \cdot (50\text{mm})^2}$$

13) Moment of Inertia given Crippling Load for any type of End Condition

$$\text{fx } I = \frac{P_{cr} \cdot L_e^2}{\pi^2 \cdot \epsilon_c}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 59967.56\text{cm}^4 = \frac{10000\text{N} \cdot (2500\text{mm})^2}{\pi^2 \cdot 10.56\text{MPa}}$$



14) Radius of Gyration given Effective Length and Crippling Load

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$$\text{fx } r = \sqrt{\frac{P_{cr} \cdot L_e^2}{\pi^2 \cdot \epsilon_c \cdot A}}$$

$$\text{ex } 9.79531\text{mm} = \sqrt{\frac{10000\text{N} \cdot (2500\text{mm})^2}{\pi^2 \cdot 10.56\text{MPa} \cdot 6.25\text{m}^2}}$$

Crippling Load

15) Crippling Load for any type of End Condition

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$$\text{fx } P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot \epsilon_c \cdot I}{L_e^2}$$

$$\text{ex } 10005.41\text{N} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot 10.56\text{MPa} \cdot 60000\text{cm}^4}{(2500\text{mm})^2}$$

16) Crippling Load given Effective Length and Radius of Gyration

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$$\text{fx } P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot \epsilon_c \cdot A \cdot r^2}{L_e^2}$$

$$\text{ex } 260557.6\text{N} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot 10.56\text{MPa} \cdot 6.25\text{m}^2 \cdot (50\text{mm})^2}{(2500\text{mm})^2}$$



17) Crippling Stress

$$\text{fx } \sigma_{\text{cripping}} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot \varepsilon_c \cdot r^2}{L_e^2}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 0.041689\text{MPa} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot 10.56\text{MPa} \cdot (50\text{mm})^2}{(2500\text{mm})^2}$$

18) Crippling Stress given Crippling Load

$$\text{fx } \sigma_{\text{cripping}} = \frac{P_{\text{cr}}}{A}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 0.0016\text{MPa} = \frac{10000\text{N}}{6.25\text{m}^2}$$



Variables Used

- **A** Column Cross-Sectional Area (Square Meter)
- **I** Moment of Inertia Column (Centimeter⁴)
- **L** Length of Column (Millimeter)
- **L_e** Effective Length of Column (Millimeter)
- **P_{cr}** Column Crippling Load (Newton)
- **r** Least Radius of Gyration of Column (Millimeter)
- **ε_c** Modulus of Elasticity of Column (Megapascal)
- **λ** Slenderness Ratio
- **σ_{crippling}** Crippling Stress (Megapascal)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **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.
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Millimeter (mm)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Pressure** in Megapascal (MPa)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Force** in Newton (N)
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Second Moment of Area** in Centimeter⁴ (cm⁴)
Second Moment of Area Unit Conversion 



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