



Wheatstone Bridge Strain Gage Equations

1.1
$$e_o = \frac{E_x}{4} \left(\frac{(GF)(\epsilon)}{1 + \frac{(GF)(\epsilon)}{2}} \right)$$
 Voltage output from strain, 1 active arm

1.2
$$e_o = \left(\frac{N}{4} \right) (GF)(\epsilon) (E_x)$$
 Voltage output from strain, 2 or 4 active arms

1.3
$$e_o = \left(\frac{R_g}{R_c + \frac{R_g}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{E_x}{4} \right)$$
 Voltage output from shunt calibration

1.4
$$e_o = \left(\frac{mV}{V} \right) \left(\frac{F}{F_{fs}} \right) (E_x)$$
 Voltage output from load cell

2.1
$$R_c = \left(\frac{N_s}{4} \right) \left(\frac{R_g}{e_o} \right) (E_x) - \frac{R_g}{2}$$
 Rcal to get a particular voltage output

2.2
$$R_c = \frac{(R_g)}{(N)(GF)(\epsilon)} - R_g$$
 Rcal to simulate a particular strain

3.1
$$E_x = \frac{4 e_o}{(N)(GF)(\epsilon)}$$
 Excitation to get a voltage output from strain

3.2
$$E_x = \frac{(e_o)(F_{fs})}{\left(\frac{mV}{V} \right) (F)}$$
 Excitation for load cells

4.1
$$\epsilon = \frac{R_g}{(R_g + R_c)(GF)(N)}$$
 Strain simulated by a shunt calibration resistor

4.2
$$\epsilon = \left(\frac{4}{GF} \right) \frac{\left(\frac{e_o}{E_x} \right)}{\left(1 + 2 \left(\frac{e_o}{E_x} \right) \right)}$$
 Strain from test measurements using 1 active arm

4.3
$$\epsilon = \frac{4(e_o)}{(N)(GF) E_x}$$
 Strain from test measurements using 2 or 4 active arms

4.4
$$F = \frac{(e_o)(F_{fs})}{\left(\frac{mV}{V} \right) (E_x)}$$
 Force readouts from test measurements

ϵ	=	Strain in in./in.	e_o	=	Output voltage in volts
E_x	=	Excitation voltage in volts	F	=	Force measured
F_{fs}	=	Force full scale	R_c	=	Shunt calibration resistance in ohms
R_g	=	Gage resistance (of the shunted gage when used with R_c) in ohms			
N	=	Number of effective arms (consider gage configuration and Poisson's Ratio)			
$\frac{mV}{V}$	=	Millivolts per volt for full scale force			