

# Estimate the Strength of Concrete at an Arbitrary Age

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This application implements three methods of estimating the compressible strength of concrete.

## From Two Cube Test Results

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	Test 1	Test 2
Age (days)	T1 := 7	T2 := 14
Compressive strength (MPa)	S1 := 20	S2 := 26

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} S1 & -T1 \\ S2 & -T2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B := \begin{bmatrix} -T1 \cdot S1 \\ -T2 \cdot S2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Model parameters

$$X := A^{-1} \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 37.143 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: coeffs agrees with the result of Statistics:-NonLinearfit)

$$f := \text{Statistics:-NonlinearFit}\left(\frac{n \cdot p}{n + q}, [[T1, S1], [T2, S2]], n\right) = \frac{37.143 \cdot n}{n + 6.000}$$

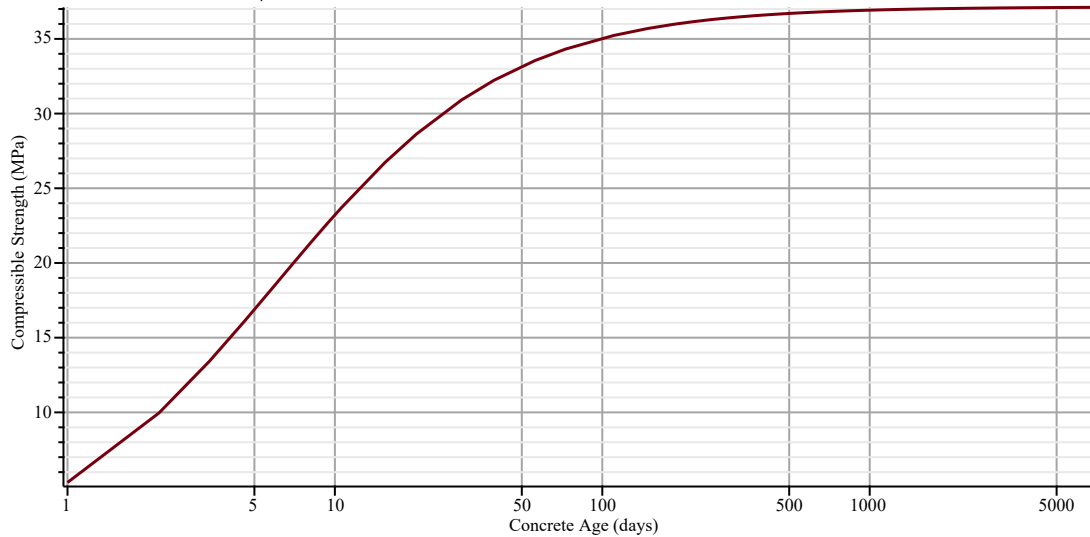
Function to estimate strength

$$f_{cm1} := n \frac{n \cdot X[2]}{n + X[1]}$$

Hence at 30 days the strength is

$$f_{cm1}(30) = 30.952$$

plot( $f_{cm1}(n)$ ,  $n = 1 \dots 20 \cdot 365$ , axis[1] = [mode = log], gridlines,  
 labels = ["Concrete Age (days)", "Compressible Strength (MPa)"], labeldirections =  
 [horizontal, vertical]) =



## Concrete Strength (Abd elaty, 2014)

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Reference:

Metwally abd allah Abd elaty (2014) Compressive strength prediction of Portland cement concrete with age using a new model, HBRC Journal, 10:2, 145-155, DOI: 10.1016/j.hbrcj.2013.09.005

Strength at 28 days (MPa)

$$S_{28} := 30$$

Grade constant (eq 10 )

$$B := 0.005 \cdot S_{28}^{2.2} = 8.885$$

Rate constant (eq 11)

$$A := 1.4035 \cdot \ln(B) + 2.9956 = 6.061$$

Age required

$$T := 7$$

Estimate strength  
eq 9

$$f_{cm2} := T \cdot A \cdot \ln(T) + B$$

Hence at 30 days the strength is

$$f_{cm2}(30) = 29.500$$

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Strength at 28 days (MPa)

$$S_{28} := 30$$

Cement type

cement\_type := "slow hardening"

Cement factor

$$S := \begin{cases} 0.20 & \text{cement\_type} = \text{"rapid hardening high strength"} \\ 0.25 & \text{cement\_type} = \text{"normal and rapid hardening"} \\ 0.38 & \text{cement\_type} = \text{"slow hardening"} \end{cases}$$

Function to estimate strength

$$f_{cm3} := T e^{S \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{28}{T}} \right)} \cdot S_{28}$$

Hence at 30 days  
the strength is

$$f_{cm3}(30) = 30.389$$