

# Calculating the day of the week in any given Date Calendar dw Algorithm

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## Abstract

This study is an algorithm of calculating the day of the week for any given date in Gregorian & Julian calendar using simplified formula. It consists of eight algebraic (6 for Julian) expression, five of which are integer function by substituting the year, month and day. This formula will calculate the modulo 7 which gives a number from 0 to 6, i.e., 0=Saturday, 1=Sunday, and so on, that determines the exact day of the week. This algorithm has no condition even during leap-year and 400-year cycle.

## 1 Introduction

This algorithm is devised using basic mathematics, without any condition or modification to the formula, it will provide a direct substitution to the formula.

For any calendar date,  $m$  denotes for month,  $d$  for day and  $y$  for year;  $m$  is the number of months in the calendar year, i.e.,  $m = 1$  for the month of January,  $m = 2$  for the month of February and  $m = 12$  for the last month of the year which is December;  $d$  on the other hand, is the day in a given calendar date, i.e., 1 until 31. Lastly,  $y$  is the calendar year in either Gregorian & Julian calendar.

## 2 The Formula

This formula is for Gregorian calendar.

In original form,

$$dw = \left[ 3m + 4 + d - \left\lfloor \frac{3m}{7} \right\rfloor - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{(m+7)}{10} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{(50y+m-3)}{40} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{(12y+m-3)}{1200} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{(12y+m-3)}{4800} \right\rfloor \right] \text{mod } 7$$

where

- $dw$  is the day of the week (0 = Saturday, 1 = Sunday, ..., 6 = Friday)
- $m$  is the month (1 = January, 2 = February, ....., 12 = December)
- $d$  is the day of the month
- $y$  is the Gregorian year

### 3 Simplified formula

In original form,

$$dw = \left[ 3m + 4 + d - \left\lfloor \frac{3m}{7} \right\rfloor - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{(m+7)}{10} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{(50y+m-3)}{40} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{(12y+m-3)}{1200} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{(12y+m-3)}{4800} \right\rfloor \right] \text{mod } 7$$

then,

$$dw = \left[ 3m + 4 + d - \left\lfloor \frac{3m}{7} \right\rfloor - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{(m+7)}{10} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{(50y+m-3)}{40} \right\rfloor - [J] + \left\lfloor \frac{J}{4} \right\rfloor \right] \text{mod } 7$$

where

- $J = \frac{(12y+m-3)}{1200}$

### 4 Examples

Several examples are presented/shown to illustrate the algorithm.

**Example 1:** October 15, 1582, first day of Gregorian calendar.

$$m = 10, \quad d = 15, \quad y = 1582$$

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \frac{(12\{1582\} + 10 - 3)}{1200} \\ &= \frac{18991}{1200} \\ &= 15.8258\bar{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} dw &= \left[ 3(10) + 4 + 15 - \left\lfloor \frac{3(10)}{7} \right\rfloor - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{(10+7)}{10} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{(50\{1582\}+10-3)}{40} \right\rfloor - [15.8258\bar{3}] + \left\lfloor \frac{15.8258\bar{3}}{4} \right\rfloor \right] \text{mod } 7 \\ &= [30 + 4 + 15 - [4.2857] - 2[1.7] + [1977.675] - [15.8258\bar{3}] + [3.956]] \text{mod } 7 \\ &= [30 + 4 + 15 - 4 - 2 + 1977 - 15 + 3] \text{mod } 7 \\ &= [2008] \text{mod } 7 \\ &= 6; \textbf{Friday} \end{aligned}$$

So, October 15, 1582 is Friday

**Example 2:** February 28, 1900, latest centennial that is not a leap-year

$$m = 2, \quad d = 28, \quad y = 1900$$

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \frac{(12\{1900\} + 2 - 3)}{1200} \\ &= \frac{22799}{1200} \\ &= 18.9991\bar{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$dw = \left[ 3(2) + 4 + 28 - \left\lfloor \frac{3(2)}{7} \right\rfloor - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{(2+7)}{10} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{(50\{1900\}+2-3)}{40} \right\rfloor - [18.9991\bar{6}] + \left\lfloor \frac{18.9991\bar{6}}{4} \right\rfloor \right] \text{mod } 7$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= [6 + 4 + 28 - [0.857] - 2[0.9] + [2374.975] - [18.9991\bar{6}] + [4.75]] \bmod 7 \\
&= [6 + 4 + 28 - 0 - 0 + 2374 - 18 + 4] \bmod 7 \\
&= [2398] \bmod 7 \\
&= 4 ; \textbf{Wednesday}
\end{aligned}$$

So, February 28, 1900 is Wednesday

**Example 3:** March 30, 1000000, first year of a 7-digit calendar year

$$m = 3, \quad d = 30, \quad y = 1x10^6$$

$$\begin{aligned}
J &= \frac{(12\{1x10^6\} + 3 - 3)}{1200} \\
&= \frac{12x10^6}{1200} \\
&= 10x10^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
dw &= \left[ 3(3) + 4 + 30 - \left\lfloor \frac{3(3)}{7} \right\rfloor - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{(3+7)}{10} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{(50\{1x10^6\} + 3 - 3)}{40} \right\rfloor - [10x10^3] + \left\lfloor \frac{10x10^3}{4} \right\rfloor \right] \bmod 7 \\
&= [9 + 4 + 30 - [1.29] - 2[1] + [1.25x10^6] - [10x10^3] + [2500]] \bmod 7 \\
&= [9 + 4 + 30 - 1 - 2 + 1.25x10^6 - 10x10^3 + 2500] \bmod 7 \\
&= [1242540] \bmod 7 \\
&= 5 ; \textbf{Thursday}
\end{aligned}$$

So, March 30, 1000000 is Thursday

## 5 The Algorithm

- $J = \frac{(12y+m-3)}{1200}$

**Gregorian Calendar:**

$$dw = \left[ 3m + 4 + d - \left\lfloor \frac{3m}{7} \right\rfloor - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{(m+7)}{10} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{(50y+m-3)}{40} \right\rfloor - [J] + \left\lfloor \frac{J}{4} \right\rfloor \right] \bmod 7$$

**Julian Calendar:**

$$dw = \left[ 3m + 2 + d - \left\lfloor \frac{3m}{7} \right\rfloor - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{(m+7)}{10} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{(50y+m-3)}{40} \right\rfloor \right] \bmod 7$$

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## References

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