

Questions related to Units & dimensional formulae

1. Which of the following is not equal to a watt?

a. Joule / second

b. Ampere x volt

c. (Ampere)² x ohm

☒ d. Ampere / volt

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{Work}}{\text{Time}} \rightarrow \frac{\text{Joule}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$\text{Power} = V I \rightarrow \text{volt} \times \text{Ampere}$$

$$\text{Power} = I^2 R \rightarrow (\text{Ampere})^2 \times \text{ohm}$$

2. Horse power is unit of

a. Distance

b. Time

☒ c. Power

d. Current



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3. The dimensional formula for Planck's constant is

- ☒ a. $[ML^2T^{-1}]$
- b. $[M^2L^2T^{-1}]$
- c. $[MLT]$
- d. $[ML^1T^{-1}]$

$$[h] = \frac{[E]}{[\nu]} = \frac{[ML^2T^{-2}]}{[T^{-1}]}$$

$$[h] = [ML^2T^{-1}]$$

$E = h \nu$

Energy Planck's constant frequency



4. Newton second is the unit of

a. Velocity LT^{-1}

b. Angular Momentum ML^2T^{-1}

~~c. Momentum MLT^{-1}~~

d. Energy ML^2T^{-2}

Force \times Time

↓
 $[MLT^{-2}] \times [T]$

$$[MLT^{-1}]$$



5. Joule second is the unit of

a. Work $\rightarrow [ML^2T^{-2}]$

✓ b. Angular Momentum $\rightarrow [ML^2T^{-1}]$

c. Momentum $\rightarrow [MLT^{-1}]$

d. Pressure $\rightarrow [ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$

$$\begin{aligned} & [Energy] \times [Time] \\ &= [ML^2T^{-2}] \times [T] \\ &= [ML^2T^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$



6. A suitable unit for gravitational constant is

a. Kg m sec^{-1}

b. $\text{N m}^{-1} \text{sec}$

☒ c. $\text{N m}^2 \text{Kg}^{-2}$

d. Kg m sec^{-1}

$$F = G \times \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$G = \frac{F r^2}{m_1 \times m_2}$$

$$\frac{\text{N m}^2}{\text{Kg}^2}$$

$$\text{N m}^2 \text{Kg}^{-2}$$

7. Young's modulus of a material has the same units as

- ~~a. pressure~~
- b. strain
- c. compressibility
- d. Force

$$Y = \frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Strain}} = \left(\frac{F}{A} \right) \div \left(\frac{\Delta l}{l} \right) = \text{Pressure}$$

Strain has no units!

8. Kilowatt hour is a unit of

- ~~a. Energy~~
- b. Power
- c. Electric charge
- d. Force

$KW \times hour$

$Power \times Time = Energy$



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9. Which of the following is not represented in correct unit

a) Stress / Strain	N/m^2 ✓
b) Surface tension	N/m ✓
c) Energy	Kg m / sec ✗
d) Pressure	N/ m^2 ✓

10. Dyne/ cm² is not a unit of

a. Stress

☒ b. Strain

c. Pressure

d. Young's modulus



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11. The ratio of the dimensions of planck's constant and that of moment of inertia , is equal to the dimensions of

- a. Time
- ~~b. Frequency~~
- c. Angular momentum
- d. velocity



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$$\frac{[h]}{[I]} = \frac{[ML^2 T^{-1}]}{[ML^2]} = [T^{-1}]$$

12. Which of the following does not have dimensions of force
- a. Potential gradient
 - b. Weight
 - c. Energy gradient
 - d. Rate of change of linear momentum



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13. A dimensionless quantity

- a. Never has a unit
- b. Always has a unit
- ☒ c. may have a unit
- d. Is not possible

$$\text{Strain} = \frac{\Delta l}{l}$$



It is Dimensionless
and
unitless

Angular displacement

$$= \frac{\text{arc}}{\text{length}}$$

It is dimensionless
but

It has units (e.g. Radians)

14. A unitless quantity

- a. Never has any non zero dimensions
- b. Always have non zero dimensions
- c. May have non zero dimensions
- d. Does not exist

Units \rightarrow also Dimensions
Unitless \rightarrow also Dimensionless

Dimensions \rightarrow also Units
Dimensionless \rightarrow may or may not have Units

Strain, π
e
 \downarrow
Unitless

	mass	Length	Time
S.I	Kg	m	s
CGS	g	cm	s
MKS	kg	m	s
FPS	Pound	feet	s

Applications of dimensional analysis

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15. The density of wood is 0.5 g/cc in the CGS system of units. The corresponding value in MKS system will be

- ☒ a. 500
- b. 5
- c. 0.5
- d. 5000

CGS

$$M_1 = 1 \text{ g}$$

$$L_1 = 1 \text{ cm}$$

$$T_1 = 1 \text{ sec}$$

$$\rho_1 = 0.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

MKS

$$M_2 = 1 \text{ Kg} = 10^3 \text{ g}$$

$$L_2 = 1 \text{ m} = 10^2 \text{ cm}$$

$$T_2 = 1 \text{ sec}$$

$$\rho_2 = ?$$

$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}}$$

$$[M^1 L^{-3} T^0]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} a=1 \\ b=-3 \\ c=0 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{n_2}{n_1} = \left(\frac{M_1}{M_2}\right)^a \times \left(\frac{L_1}{L_2}\right)^b \times \left(\frac{T_1}{T_2}\right)^c$$

$$\frac{n_2}{0.5} = \left(\frac{1g}{10^3 g}\right)^1 \times \left(\frac{1cm}{10^2 cm}\right)^{-3} \times \left(\frac{1sec}{1sec}\right)^0$$

$$n_2 = 0.5 \times 10^{-3} \times (10^{-2})^{-3} \times 1$$

$$n_2 = 0.5 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^6$$

$$n_2 = 0.5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\boxed{n_2 = 5 \times 10^2 \text{ kg/m}^3} = 500 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

16. The surface tension of a liquid is 70 dyne/cm. In MKS system its value is?

a. $7 \times 10^2 \text{ N/m}$

b. $7 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}$

c. 70 N/m

~~d. $7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N/m}$~~

$$[M^1 L^0 T^{-2}]$$

$$a = 1$$

$$b = 0$$

$$c = -2$$

C.G.S

$$M_1 = 1g$$

$$L_1 = 1cm$$

$$T_1 = 1sec$$

$$\eta_1 = 70 \text{ dyne/cm}$$

MKS

$$M_2 = 10^3 g$$

$$L_2 = 10^2 cm$$

$$T_2 = 1sec$$

$$\eta_2 = ?$$



$$n_2 = n_1 \left(\frac{m_1}{m_2} \right)^a \times \left(\frac{L_1}{L_2} \right)^b \times \left(\frac{T_1}{T_2} \right)^c$$

$$n_2 = 70 \times \left(\frac{1g}{10^3g} \right)^1 \times \left(\frac{1cm}{10^2cm} \right)^0 \times \left(\frac{1sec}{1sec} \right)^{-2}$$

$$n_2 = 70 \times 10^{-3} \times 1 \times 1$$

$$n_2 = 70 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N/m}$$

$$n_2 = 7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N/m}$$



17. Find the value of 50 J per min in a system, that has 100g, 100cm and 1 min as the base units

S.I

$$M_1 = 1 \text{ Kg} = 10^3 \text{ g}$$
$$L_1 = 1 \text{ m} = 10^2 \text{ cm}$$
$$T_1 = 1 \text{ sec}$$
$$n_1 = \frac{5}{6} \text{ watt}$$

new system

$$M_2 = 100 \text{ g}$$
$$L_2 = 100 \text{ cm}$$
$$T_2 = 1 \text{ min} = 60 \text{ sec}$$
$$n_2 = ?$$

$$[M^a L^b T^c]$$
$$a = 1$$
$$b = 2$$
$$c = -3$$



$$n_2 = n_1 \left(\frac{m_1}{m_2} \right)^a \times \left(\frac{L_1}{L_2} \right)^b \times \left(\frac{T_1}{T_2} \right)^c$$

$$n_2 = \frac{5}{6} \times \left(\frac{10^3}{10^2} \right)^1 \times \left(\frac{\cancel{10^2}}{\cancel{10^2}} \right)^2 \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ sec}}{60 \text{ sec}} \right)^{-3}$$

$$n_2 = \frac{5}{\cancel{6}} \times 10 \times 1 \times \cancel{60}^{10} \times 60 \times 60$$

$$n_2 = 180 \times 10^4$$

$$n_2 = 1.8 \times 10^6 \text{ units}$$

Applications of dimensional analysis

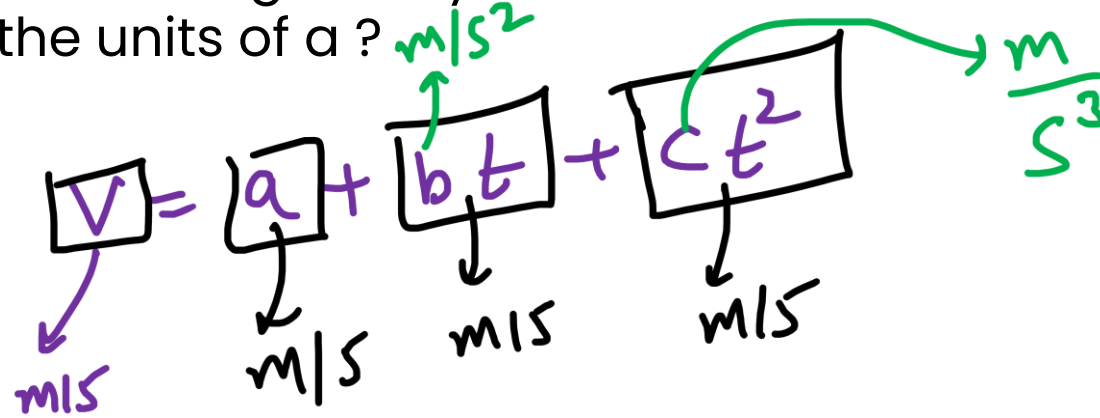
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18. The velocity of a particle is given by $v = a + bt + ct^2$. If the units of velocity are m/sec, what will be the units of a?

- ☒ a. m/sec
- ☐ b. m/sec²
- ☐ c. m/sec³
- ☐ d. m²/sec



Handwritten diagram showing the dimensional analysis of the equation $v = a + bt + ct^2$. The equation is written with terms in boxes: $[v] = [a] + [bt] + [ct^2]$. Arrows point from each box to its units: $[v]$ to m/s, $[a]$ to m/s, $[bt]$ to m/s, and $[ct^2]$ to m/s. A green arrow points from the 't' in $[bt]$ to m/s², and another green arrow points from the 't²' in $[ct^2]$ to m/s³.

19. The vander wall's equation for a gas is

$$\left[P + \frac{a}{V^2} \right] \times [V - b] = RT$$

$$\text{SI units of } b = \text{m}^3$$

$$\text{SI units of } a = \text{kg} \times \text{m}^5 \times \text{s}^{-2}$$

Determine the dimensions of a and b. Also write the SI units of a and b

$$[P] = \left[\frac{a}{V^2} \right]$$

$$[a] = [P V^2]$$

$$[a] = [\text{N} \text{L}^5 \text{T}^{-2}]$$

$$[b] = [V]$$

$$[b] = [\text{L}^3]$$



[T]

20. The equation $t = \sqrt{\frac{2s}{g}}$ Describes the time a freely falling body takes, to reach the ground

Under the action of gravity. Check for the dimensional consistency of the equation.

$$\sqrt{\frac{2s}{g}} = \sqrt{\frac{L}{LT^{-2}}} = \sqrt{T^2} = T^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}} = [T]$$

yes, This eqn. is Dimensionally consistent



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- 21) The escape velocity v of a body depends upon
- i) Acceleration due to gravity of the planet (g)
 - ii) Radius of planet (R)

Establish dimensionally the relationship b/w v , g and R .

$$V = K g^{\frac{1}{2}} R^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$V = K \sqrt{g R}$$

↑
escape
velocity

**To derive the relation
between physical
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22) A small steel ball of radius r is allowed to fall under gravity through a column of a viscous liquid of coefficient of viscosity η .

After some time the velocity of the body attains a constant value, which is known as terminal velocity.

The terminal velocity depends upon

- (i) the weight of the ball mg
- (ii) the coefficient of viscosity and
- (iii) the radius of the ball r .

By the method of dimensions, determine the relation expressing terminal velocity.

$$v \propto (mg)^a \eta^b r^c$$

$$v = k (mg)^a \eta^b r^c$$

$$[LT^{-1}] = [MLT^{-2}]^a \times [ML^{-1}T^{-1}]^b \times [L]^c$$

$$[LT^{-1}] = [MLT^{-2}]^a \times [ML^{-1}T^{-1}]^b \times [L]^c$$

$$[MLT^{-1}] = [M^{a+b} L^{a-b+c} T^{-2a-b}]$$

$$0 = a + b \quad \text{---(i)}$$

$$1 = a - b + c \quad \text{---(ii)}$$

$$1 = 2a + b \quad \text{---(iii)}$$

$$V = K (mg)^a \eta^b r^c$$

$$V = K \frac{mg}{\eta r}$$

$$a = 1$$

$$b = -1$$

$$c = -1$$