

UNITS AND MEASUREMENT

Physical quantities :

MODULE 1 (Pg-25)

The quantities which can be measured and are used to describe the laws of physics

A physical quantities can be specified, if its an:

i) Magnitude : Pure ratio

$$\text{eg: strain} = \frac{\Delta l}{l} = \frac{\text{change in length}}{\text{initial length}}$$

$$\text{Coefficient of friction } (\mu) = \frac{\text{Friction Force}}{\text{Normal Force}} = \frac{f_s}{N}$$

ii) Magnitude and units : scalar

eg: Speed, distance and time

iii) Magnitude, units and direction : Vector

eg: Displacement = 10 m due east = $10\text{m}\hat{i}$
Velocity = 100 m/s due north = $100\text{m/s}\hat{j}$

Classification of physical quantities on the basis of dependency:

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i Fundamental or base quantities: Those physical quantities which does not depend on other physical quantities
eg: mass, length and Time

ii Derived quantities: Those physical quantities which can be derived from fundamental quantities
eg: Area, volume, speed, force, momentum etc.

Units of Physical Quantities (classification)

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i Fundamental units: The units of fundamental quantities are known as fundamental units.

eg: Mass \rightarrow Kilogram (kg)
Length \rightarrow Metre (m)
Time \rightarrow Second (s)

ii Derived units: The units of derived quantities are known as derived units.

eg: Area : m^2
Volume : m^3
Speed : m/s or ms^{-1}
Acceleration : m/s^2 or ms^{-2}
Momentum : kgm/s or $kgms^{-1}$

* Force : N (newton).

$$F = ma$$

$$= kgm/s^2$$

$$\therefore 1N = 1kgms^{-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 * \text{ Frequency } (n, \nu, f) &= \frac{1}{\text{Time period.}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{T} \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} = s^{-1} = \text{Hz.}
 \end{aligned}$$

iii Supplementary units:

- Radian : 1 radian is the angle subtended at the centre of the circle by an arc equal in length to the radius of the circle.

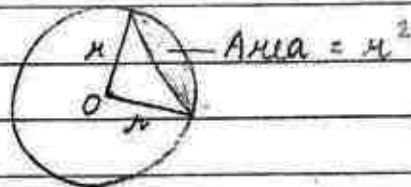
- Steradian : 1 steradian is the solid angle subtended at the centre of the sphere by the surface of the sphere whose area is equal to the square of the radius (i.e. r^2).

Steradian (sr) : Solid angle

$$\text{Solid angle } (\Omega) = \frac{\text{Area}}{r^2}$$

$$\text{Its area} = r^2$$

$$\therefore \Omega = \frac{r^2}{r^2} = 1 \text{ Steradian} = 1 \text{ Sr.}$$



Q-1 Determine the angle subtended by a solid sphere at the centre of the circle.

$$\text{Angle at its centre} = \frac{\text{Surface area}}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{4\pi r^2}{r^2} = 4\pi \text{ steradian (sr)}$$

Q-2

Find the angle subtended by one-fourth of a solid sphere at its centre.

Area at its centre = $\frac{\text{surface area}}{r^2}$

$$\Omega/\Omega = \frac{4\pi r^2 \times \frac{1}{4}}{r^2} = \pi \text{ steradian (sr)}$$

iv) Practical units :

~~Astronomical units~~

a) Distance / length :

- Astronomical units (AU) : The average distance from the centre of the sun to the centre of the earth.

$$1 \text{ AU} = 1.496 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$$

$$\approx 1.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$$

- Light Year (ly) : The distance travelled by the light in vacuum in one year.

$$1 \text{ ly} = \text{speed (m/s)} \times \text{time (s)}$$

$$= (3 \times 10^8) \times (365 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60)$$

$$= 9.46 \times 10^{15} \text{ m}$$

- Parsec (Pc) : It is the largest unit of distance.

$$1 \text{ Pc} = 3.1 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}$$

$$\approx 3.26 \text{ ly (light year)}$$



$$\therefore 1^\circ = 60'$$

$$1' = 60''$$

$$\therefore 1^\circ = 3600''$$

Smaller units of distance:

- $1 \mu\text{m} = 10^{-6} \text{ m}$ (micron)
- $1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-9} \text{ m}$
- $1 \text{ \AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}$
- $1 \text{ pm} = 1 \mu\mu\text{m} = 10^{-12} \text{ m}$
- $1 \text{ fermi} = 1 \text{ femto} = 10^{-15} \text{ m}$

b) Mass:

- Largest unit of mass is 'Chandra Shekhar Limit' (CSL)

$$1 \text{ CSL} = 1.4 \times \text{Mass of the sun} \\ = 1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$$

$$\text{Mass of the sun} = 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

$$\therefore 1 \text{ CSL} = 1.4 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

- Smallest unit of mass is 'atomic mass' (amu)

$$1 \text{ amu} = 1.6 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \quad (\text{mass of } p^+ = \text{mass of } n^0) \\ 1.672 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

c) Time:

- Largest unit of time is 'Lunar month'
Lunar month: It is the time taken by the moon to complete one revolution around the earth.

$$\therefore 1 \text{ Lunar month} = 27 \text{ days}$$

- Smallest unit of time is 'shake'

$$\therefore 1 \text{ shake} = 10^{-8} \text{ seconds (s)} \\ = 10^{-8} \text{ s}$$

System of Units

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i) FPS or British Engineering system:
fundamental quantities : units (symbol)

- length : foot (ft)
- Mass : pound (lb)
- Time : seconds (s)

$$* 1 \text{ m} = 3.28 \text{ ft}$$

$$1 \text{ lb} = 454 \text{ gm}$$

ii) CGS or Gaussian units :
fundamental quantities : units (symbol)

- length : centimetre (cm)
- mass : gram (g)
- Time : second (s)

iii) MKS system :
fundamental quantities : units (symbol)

- length : Metre (m)
- Mass : Kilogram (kg)
- time : Second (s)

iv) SI units or International system of units :

Fundamental Quantities : units (symbol)

- length : Metre (m)
- Mass : Kilogram (kg)
- time : Second (s)
- temperature : Kelvin (K)

- Electric current: Ampere (A)
- Luminous intensity: candela (cd) (cd)
- Amount of substance: Mole. (mol)

Properties of Physical Quantities and conversion factor.

- Magnitude of a physical quantities can be represented as, $PQ = \text{Numeric value} \times \text{unit}$.
 $\therefore PQ = n \times u = nu$.

- When we convert / change the value (magnitude) of PQ from one unit system to another unit system then the magnitude of that PQ must be same (constant)

$$\text{i.e. } n_1 u_1 = n_2 u_2$$

$$nu = \text{constant}$$

$$\therefore n = \frac{\text{constant}}{u}$$

$$n \propto \frac{1}{u}$$

It means the numeric value of a physical quantity is inversely proportional to its base unit.

eg:	Physical Quantity	(SI)		(CGS)
	Mass:	1 kg	=	1000 g
		$n_1 = 1$		$n_2 = 1000$
		$u_1 = \text{kg}$		$u_2 = \text{g}$

eg:	Physical Quantity	(SI)		(CGS)
	Distance:	1 km	=	1000 m
		$n_1 = 1$		$n_2 = 1000$
		$u_1 = \text{km}$		$u_2 = \text{m}$

Q.3

If acceleration due to gravity (g) = 9.8 m/s^2
then find its value in ft/s^2

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\therefore 1 \text{ m} = 3.28 \text{ ft}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore g &= 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 = (9.8 \times 3.28) \text{ ft/s}^2 \\ &= 31.948 \text{ ft/s}^2 \\ &\approx 32 \text{ ft/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Q.4

The SI unit of length is m. If in a new unit system, the unit of length is 5m then find the numerical value of area of 12 m^2 in new unit system.

Let SI unit system be $n_1 u_1$ and

new unit system be $n_2 u_2$

$$\therefore n_1 u_1 = n_2 u_2$$

$$12 \text{ m}^2 = n_2 (5 \text{ m})^2$$

$$\therefore n_2 = \frac{12 \text{ m}^2}{25 \text{ m}^2} = \frac{12}{25}$$

Q.5

The SI unit of length is m. If in a new unit system, the unit of length is "ym", then find numerical value of volume of 5 m^3 in new unit system.

Let SI unit system be $n_1 u_1$ and

new unit system be $n_2 u_2$

$$\therefore n_1 u_1 = n_2 u_2$$

$$5 \text{ m}^3 = n_2 (\text{ym})^3$$

$$\therefore n_2 = \frac{5 \text{ m}^3}{\text{y}^3 \text{ m}^3} = \frac{5}{\text{y}^3}$$

Dimensions

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- Dimensions of a physical quantities are the power (exponents) to which the base quantities are raised to represent the physical quantities.

Dimensional equation:

$$P.Q. = \left[M^a L^b T^c \right] \begin{array}{l} \text{dimensions} \\ \text{dimensional formula} \end{array}$$

- Physical quantities with their dimensional formula:

i) Mass : $[M^1 L^0 T^0]$ or $[M^1]$
Unit: Kilogram (Kg)

ii) Length: $[M^0 L^1 T^0]$ or $[L^1]$
Unit: Metre (m)

It is also used for width, height, depth, distance, displacement, arc, radius, diameter, light year etc.

iii) Time: $[M^0 L^0 T^1]$ or $[T^1]$
Unit: Second (s)

iv) Area: Length \times Breadth = $L \times B$
 $= L' \times L' = L^2$
 $[M^0 L^2 T^0]$ or $[L^2]$

Unit: sq. metre (m^2)

Any pure number (1, 2, 3, 10, 10^6 , 3.14, $\frac{10}{3}$... etc).
 π , e , $\log x$, $\sin x$, $\cos x$, $\tan x$ ³ are
dimensionless i.e. $[M^0 L^0 T^0]$

Dimensional formula of any area is
always $[M^0 L^2 T^0]$

v) Volume: length \times breadth \times height = $L' \times L' \times L'$
= $[M^0 L^3 T^0]$ or $[L^3]$

Unit: Cubic metre (m^3).

Dimensional formula of any volume is
always $[M^0 L^3 T^0]$

vi) Density: $\frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{M'}{L^3} = [M^1 L^{-3} T^0]$

Unit: Kilogram per cubic metre (kg/m^3)

vii) Speed: $\frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{time}} = \frac{L'}{T'} = [M^0 L^1 T^{-1}]$

Unit: Metre per second (m/s)

It is also used for volume velocity.

viii) Acceleration: $\frac{\text{Velocity}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{L' T^{-1}}{T'} = [M^0 L^1 T^{-2}]$

Unit: Metre per second square (m/s^2)

ix) Force: Mass \times acceleration.

$$M' \times L' T^{-2} = [M^1 L^1 T^{-2}]$$

Unit: ($kg m/s^2$) or (N) newton.

It is also used for stress.

x) Work : Force x displacement.

$$M'L'T^{-2} \times L' = [M'L^2T^{-2}]$$

Unit: Joule (J)

It is also used for energy (kinetic energy, potential energy, chemical energy, heat energy, internal energy etc) and caloric have same dimensional formula.

xi) Power (P) : $\frac{\text{Work}}{\text{time}} = \frac{M'L^2T^{-2}}{T'} = [M'L^2T^{-3}]$

Unit: watt (W)

xii) Momentum (P) : Mass x velocity
 $= M' \times L'T^{-1} = [M'L'T^{-1}]$

Unit: (kgm/s)

xiii) Impulse (I) : Force x time
 $= M'L'T^{-2} \times T' = [M'L'T^{-1}]$

Unit: Newton-second (Ns)

* Momentum and Impulse have same dimensional formula. (momentum-impulse theorem)

xiv) Pressure (P) : $\frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{M'L'T^{-2}}{L^2} = [M'L^{-1}T^{-2}]$

Unit: (N/m²) or (Pa) Pascal.

* Pressure and stress have same dimensional formula.

xv) Strain : $\frac{\Delta L}{L} = \frac{L'}{L} = [M^0 L^0 T^0]$

Hence, it is dimensionless i.e. Unitless.

xvi) Young's Modulus of elasticity : $\frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Strain}}$

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

Unit : (N/m^2)

* Pressure, stress and Young's Modulus of elasticity have same dimensional formula.

xvii) Angle (θ) : $\frac{\text{Arc}}{\text{Radius}} = \frac{L'}{L} = [M^0 L^0 T^0]$

Hence, it is also dimensionless but not unitless.

Unit : Radian (rad)

* Angle and Angular displacement have same dimensional unit.

Angular displacement : dimensionless and its unit is radian.

xviii) Angular velocity (ω) : $\frac{\text{Angle}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{M^0 L^0 T^0}{T^1} = [M^0 L^0 T^{-1}]$

Unit : Radian/second (rad/s)

xix) Angular acceleration (α) : $\frac{\text{Angular velocity}}{\text{Time}}$

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

Unit: Radian per second square (rad/s^2)

xx) Torque (τ): Force \times (\perp distance)

$$M^1 L^1 T^{-2} \times L^1 = [M^1 L^2 T^{-2}]$$

Unit: (N-m)

* Torque and work have same dimensional formula

xxi) Momentum of Inertia (I): Mass \times (\perp distance)²

$$M^1 \times L^1 L^1 = [M^1 L^2 T^0]$$

Unit: (kgm^2)

xxii) Frequency (n. f. v): $\frac{1}{\text{Time taken}} = \frac{1}{T^1} = [M^0 L^0 T^{-1}]$

Unit: Hertz (Hz)

* Frequency and angular velocity have same dimensional formula

xxiii) Angular Momentum (L): ~~Impulse~~ \times Momentum of Inertia \times Angular velocity

$$= M^1 L^2 \times T^{-1} = [M^1 L^2 T^{-1}]$$

Unit: (kgm^2/s)

xxiv) Planck's constant (h): $\frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Frequency}} = \frac{M^1 L^2 T^{-2}}{T^{-1}}$

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

Unit: Joule second (Js)

* Angular momentum and Planck's constant have same dimensional formula.

xxv) Surface Tension : $\frac{\text{Force}}{\text{length}} = \frac{M^1 L^1 T^{-2}}{L^1}$
[M¹L⁰T⁻²]

Unit: Newton/metre (N/m)

xxvi) Force constant (spring constant) (K):

∴ Force, F = K × (displacement)

∴ K = $\frac{\text{Force}}{\text{displacement}} = \frac{M^1 L^1 T^{-2}}{L^1}$

[M¹L⁰T⁻²]

Unit: Newton/metre (N/m)

* Force constant and surface tension have same dimensional formula

xxvii) Electric current (I): [M⁰L⁰T⁰A¹] or [A¹]

Unit: Ampere (A)

xxviii) Charge (Q): Electric current × time.

A¹ × T¹ = [M⁰L⁰T¹A¹]

Unit: Coulomb (C)

xxix) Electric potential or Potential difference (EMF):

= $\frac{\text{Work}}{\text{charge}} = \frac{M^1 L^2 T^{-2}}{T^1 A^1} = [M^1 L^2 T^{-3} A^{-1}]$

Unit: Volt (V)

xxx) Resistance: $\frac{\text{Potential difference}}{\text{Electric current}} = \frac{M^1 L^2 T^{-3} A^{-1}}{A^1}$

$$[M^1 L^2 T^{-3} A^{-2}]$$

Unit: Ohm (Ω)

xxxii) coefficient of viscosity (η): (read as eta)

$$\because F \text{ (force)} = 6\pi\eta\Delta v$$

$$\therefore \eta = \frac{F}{6\pi\Delta v} = \frac{M^1 L^1 T^{-2}}{L^1 M^0 \times L^1 T^{-1}} = [M^1 L^{-1} T^{-1}]$$

Unit: ($N \cdot s / m^2$)

xxxiii) Universal gravitational constant (G):

$$\because F = \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$\therefore G = \frac{F r^2}{m_1 m_2} = \frac{M^1 L^1 T^{-2} \times L^2}{M^1 M^1} = [M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}]$$

Unit: ($\frac{Nm^2}{kg^2}$)

xxxiiii) Temperature: [K^1] or [θ^1]

Unit: Kelvin (K)

xxxv) Specific heat (S or C):

$$\because \text{(heat)} Q = ms\Delta\theta, \text{ where } \theta = \text{temp}^{\circ}$$

$$\therefore S = \frac{Q}{m\Delta\theta}$$

$$= \frac{M^1 L^2 T^{-2}}{M^1 \theta^1} = [M^0 L^2 T^{-2} \theta^{-1}]$$

Unit: ($\frac{J}{kg \times K}$)

xxxv)

Energy density : Energy
volume

$$= \frac{M^1 L^2 T^{-2}}{L^3} = [M^1 L^{-1} T^{-2}]$$

$$\text{Unit : } \left(\frac{J}{m^3} \right)$$

OR

$$\text{energy density} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$$

where ϵ_0 = permittivity of free space
(read as epsilon)

E = Electric field

$$\text{energy density} = [M^1 L^{-1} T^{-2}]$$

xxxvi) light velocity (c) : $[L^1 T^{-1}]$

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = (\mu_0 \epsilon_0)^{-1/2}$$

where μ_0 = permeability of free space.

ϵ_0 = permittivity of free space

Unit : (m/s)

Some special points:

- All the physical quantities which are unitless, will also be dimensionless but all the dimensionless physical quantities are not unitless.

eg: Angle : dimensionless with radian as its unit.

- Two physical quantities can be added or subtracted only when, they have

same property. In this condition, the dimension formula are also same. It is known as 'Law of Homogeneity'

- For multiplication and division, two physical quantities having ^{may have} different properties and dimension formula, ~~it may be possible~~

eg: $w = F \times d$
 $P = \frac{F}{A}$

eg: Law of Homogeneity

$$F = Mv^2$$

$$[M^1 L^1 T^{-2}] = \frac{M^1 \times L^2 T^{-2}}{L^1} = [M^1 L^1 T^{-2}]$$

Q.6 If displacement $x = At^2 + Bt + C$ where $t =$ time then find the dimensional formula of A , B and C along with its unit.

Case I

Using Law of Homogeneity

$$x = At^2$$

$$\therefore A = \frac{x}{t^2} = \frac{L^1}{T^2} = [L^1 T^{-2}]$$

$$\text{Unit: } (m/s^2)$$

Case II

$$x = Bt$$

$$\therefore B = \frac{x}{t} = \frac{L^1}{T^1} = [L^1 T^{-1}]$$

$$\text{Unit: } (m/s)$$

Case III

$$x = c$$

$$\therefore c = x = [L']$$

Unit : (m)

Q. 7

Velocity, $v = at + b$, where $t = \text{time}$
 $t + c$

then, find dimensional formula of A, B and c along with its unit.

Using law of homogeneity

Case I

$$v = at$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{v}{t} = \frac{L'T^{-1}}{T} = [L'T^{-2}]$$

Unit : (m/s²)

Case II

~~v~~ $b, c = t = [T']$
t + d. Unit : (s)

Case III

$$v = b$$

 $t + c$

$$\therefore b = vt + vc$$

- $b = vt$
 $= L'T^{-1} \times T'$
 $= [L']$

Unit : (m) OR

- $b = vc$
 $= L'T^{-1} \times T'$
 $= [L']$

Unit : (m)

OR CASE III : $v = \frac{b}{t}$

by short trick

$$\therefore b = vt$$

$$= L^1 T^{-1} \times T^1$$

$$= [L^1]$$

unit : (m)

Q. 8 Power, $P = \frac{a - x^2}{bt}$ where $x =$ distance and

$t =$ time, then find the dimensional formula and units of A and B using law of homogeneity

Case I :

$$a = x^2 = [L^2]$$

unit : (m²)

Case II :

$$\therefore P = \frac{x^2}{bt}$$

$$\therefore b = \frac{x^2}{Pt} = \frac{L^2}{M^1 L^2 T^{-3} \times T^1}$$
$$= [M^{-1} T^2]$$

unit : (s²/kg)

Q. 9 In van der Waal's equation $(P + \frac{a}{v^2})(v - b) = RT$

where $P =$ pressure, $v =$ volume, $R =$ gas constant and $T =$ temperature then find the dimensional formula and units of a and b .

Using law of homogeneity

Case I

$$v = b = [L^3]$$

Unit: (m^3)

Case II

$$P = \frac{a}{v^2} \quad \therefore a = P v^2$$
$$= [M^1 L^{-1} T^{-2}] \times [L^3]^2$$
$$= [M^1 L^5 T^{-2}]$$

Unit: ($kg m^5 s^{-2}$)

Q.10 If $y = a \sin(Ax - Bt + c)$ where $x =$ distance,
 $y =$ displacement and $t =$ time

Let $y = a \sin \theta$ where θ is an angle
 $\therefore Ax - Bt + c = \theta$

Case I

$$Ax = \theta$$

$$\therefore A = \frac{\theta}{x} = \frac{M^0 L^0 T^0}{L^1} = [L^{-1}] \quad \text{unit: } (m^{-1})$$

Case II

$$Bt = \theta$$

$$\therefore B = \frac{\theta}{t} = \frac{M^0 L^0 T^0}{T^1} = [T^{-1}]$$

Unit: (s^{-1})

Case III

$$c = \theta = [M^0 L^0 T^0]$$

Unit: (rad) radian.

Q.11 If $P = P_0 e^{-\alpha t^2}$, then find dimensional formula of α

\therefore the exponential power of base is always dimensionless.

$$\therefore \alpha t^2 = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$a = \frac{M^0 L^0 T^0}{t^2} = \frac{M^0 L^0 T^0}{T^2} = [T^{-2}]$$

Unit: (sec⁻²)

Q.12 If Force, $F = \frac{a}{t} + bt^2$, then find the

dimensional formula and units of a and b
where t = time

Using law of homogeneity,

Case I

$$F = \frac{a}{t} \quad \therefore a = Ft = M^1 L^1 T^{-2} \times T^1$$

$$= [M^1 L^1 T^{-1}]$$

Unit: (kgm/s) or (Ns)

Case II

$$F = bt^2$$

$$\therefore b = \frac{F}{t^2} = \frac{M^1 L^1 T^{-2}}{T^2} = [M^1 L^1 T^{-4}]$$

Unit: (N/s²)

Application of dimensional analysis:

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- To convert magnitude of a physical quantity from one unit system to another.

The basic concept is 'the magnitude of a physical quantity remains same (constant) whatever unit system is used for measurement'

$$\text{i.e. } n_1 u_1 = n_2 u_2$$

$$u_1 = [M_1^a L_1^b T_1^c]$$

(read as mass, length and time of first unit system)

$$u_2 = [M_2^a L_2^b T_2^c]$$

(read as mass, length and time of second unit system)

$$\therefore n_1 u_1 = n_2 u_2$$

$$\therefore n_1 [M_1^a L_1^b T_1^c] = n_2 [M_2^a L_2^b T_2^c]$$

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

i.e. numerical value of Physical quantity in second unit system.

Q.13 Convert 1 J (SI unit of work) into erg (CGS unit of work)

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

$$n_1 = 1$$

$$\text{work} = [M^1 L^2 T^{-2}]$$

by comparing,

$$a = 1, \quad b = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad c = -2$$

$$n_2 = 1 \left(\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{g}}\right)^1 \left(\frac{\text{m}}{\text{cm}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\text{s}}{\text{s}}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= 1 \times \frac{1000 \text{g}}{\text{g}} \times \left(\frac{100 \text{cm}}{\text{cm}}\right)^2 \times (1)^{-1}$$

$$= 1000 \times 10000 \times 1 = 10^7$$

Hence,

$$1 \text{ J} = 10^7 \text{ erg}$$

Q.14 The value of acceleration due to gravity, g in CGS system is $\frac{980 \text{ cm}}{\text{s}^2}$, then find

its value in SI system.

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

$$n_1 = 980$$

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

by comparing,

$$a=0, \quad b=1 \quad \text{and} \quad c=-2$$

$$\frac{+4}{A} \quad n_2 = 980 \left(\frac{g}{kg}\right)^0 \left(\frac{cm}{m}\right)^1 \left(\frac{s}{s}\right)^{-2}$$

$$= 980 \times 1 \times \frac{1}{100} \times 1$$

$$= \frac{980}{100} = 9.8$$

Hence,

$$980 \text{ cm/s}^2 = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Q.15 If density of a material is 10 kg/m^3 . Then find its value in cgs system

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

$$n_1 = 10$$

$$\text{density} = [M^1 L^{-3} T^0]$$

by comparing,

$$n_2 = 10 \times \left(\frac{kg}{g}\right)^1 \times \left(\frac{m}{cm}\right)^{-3} \times \left(\frac{s}{s}\right)^0$$

$$= 10 \times \left(\frac{1000 \text{ g}}{g}\right)^1 \times \left(\frac{100 \text{ cm}}{cm}\right)^{-3} \times 1$$

$$= 10 \times 1000 \times (100)^{-3}$$

$$= 10 \times 1000 \times \frac{1}{(100)^3}$$

$$= 10 \times 1000 \times \frac{1}{1000000} = \frac{1}{100} = \frac{1}{10^2} = 10^{-2}$$

Hence,

$$10 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 10^{-2} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

Q.16 Convert 100 N, in a unit system in which unit of length is m, unit of mass is kg and unit of time is minute.

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

$$n_1 = 100$$

$$\text{Force} = [M^1 L^1 T^{-2}]$$

by comparing,

$$a = 1, \quad b = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad c = -2$$

$$n_2 = 100 \left(\frac{m}{m} \right)^1 \left(\frac{kg}{kg} \right)^1 \left(\frac{s}{m} \right)^{-2}$$

$$= 100 \times 1 \times 1 \times \left(\frac{s}{60s} \right)^{-2}$$

$$= 100 \times (60^{-1})^{-2}$$

$$= 100 \times (60)^2$$

$$= 100 \times 3600$$

$$= 3.6 \times 10^5$$

Hence, $100 \text{ N} = 3.6 \times 10^5 \text{ kgm/min}^2$.

2. To check the correctness (dimensionally) of given equation / formula.

To check the correctness (dimensionally), the dimensions of left hand side physical quantity is equal to dimensions of right hand side physical quantity.

• To check the correctness of the given relation,

i) Time period (T) = $2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$

where, l = length of pendulum and
 g = acceleration due to gravity

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

$$[T'] = \sqrt{\frac{L'}{L' T^{-2}}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{T^{-2}}} = \sqrt{T^2} = [T']$$

Hence, the above formula is dimensionally correct.

ii) Escape velocity $v_e = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$,

where G = Universal acceleration constant

M = Mass of the earth

R = Radius of the earth.

$$v_e = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$$

$$[L' T^{-1}] = \sqrt{M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2} \times M^1}$$

$$= \sqrt{L^2 T^{-2}}$$

$$= \cancel{L^1} \neq [L' T^{-1}]$$

Hence, the above formula is dimensionally correct.

iii) Frequency of a compound pendulum (f) =

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{mgl}{I}}$$

where, g = acceleration due to gravity

l = length of the pendulum

I = ~~Electric current~~ moment of Inertia

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{mgl}{I}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [T^{-1}] &= \sqrt{M^1 L^1 T^{-2} \times L^1} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{M^1 L^2}{L^2 T^{-2}}} \\
 &= \sqrt{T^{-2}} = [T^{-1}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the above formula is dimensionally correct

$$iv) \quad S = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

where, u = initial velocity

t = time taken

a = uniform acceleration.

$$S = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [L^1] &= [L^1 T^{-1} \times T^1] + [L^1 T^{-2} \times T^2] \\
 &= [L^1] + [L^1] \\
 &= 2[L^1] \\
 &= [L^1]
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the above formula is dimensionally correct, but incorrect from physics point of view.

* All dimensionally correct relation / formula may or may not be correct from physics point of view but dimensionally incorrect relation / formula is always incorrect from physics point of view.

$$v) \quad \tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{rg}$$

where, v = velocity and
 r = radius.

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{g}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [M^0 L^0 T^0] &= \frac{g}{(L^1 T^{-1})^2} \\ &= \frac{L^1 T^{-2}}{L^1 \times L^1 T^{-2}} \\ &= \frac{L^2 T^{-2}}{L^2 T^{-2}} = [M^0 L^0 T^0] \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the above equation is dimensionally correct

vi) $v^2 = u^2 + 2as.$

where, u = initial velocity

a = acceleration (constant).

s = displacement.

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as.$$

$$[L^1 T^{-1}]^2 = [L^1 T^{-1}]^2 + [L^1 T^{-2}] \times L^1$$

$$[L^2 T^{-2}] = L^2 T^{-2} + L^2 T^{-2}$$

$$= 2[L^2 T^{-2}]$$

$$= [L^2 T^{-2}]$$

Hence, the above equation is dimensionally correct.

3. To find the relation between given physical quantity (to derive the formula for given physical quantity by dimensional analysis method):

i) Relative density : Density of solid

Density of water

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

Hence, its dimensionless ~~is~~ unitless

(*) ii) Dielectric constant (κ or ϵ_r)
where $\epsilon_r =$ relative permittivity of medium.
(read as epsilon κ).

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{\text{Permittivity of medium}}{\text{Permittivity of free space}}$$
$$= [M^0 L^0 T^0]$$

Hence, it is unitless and dimensionless.

iii) Magnetic moment $\div IA$
current \times Area.
 $= [A^1 L^2]$

(*) iv) Permeability of free space (μ_0) \div Force (F)
length (l)

$$= \frac{F}{l} = \frac{\mu_0 \times I_1 I_2}{4\pi \times 2\pi d}$$

where, I_1 and I_2 are current and
 $d =$ distance.

$$\therefore \mu_0 = \frac{F \times 4\pi \times 2\pi d}{l \times I_1 \times I_2}$$
$$= \frac{M^1 L^1 T^{-2} \times L^1}{L^1 \times A^1 \times A^1}$$
$$= [M^1 L^1 T^{-2} A^{-2}]$$

Q.17 The time period of a simple pendulum (T) depends on the mass of the bob (m), length of a simple pendulum (l) and acceleration due to gravity is (g), then find the relation between time period of simple pendulum?

$$\therefore T \propto m^a l^b g^c$$
$$\therefore T = K m^a l^b g^c \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where, K is dimensionless constant

$$\therefore [M^0 L^0 T^1] = [M]^a [L]^b [L^1 T^{-2}]^c$$

$$= M^a L^b L^c T^{-2c}$$

by comparing, we get.

$$a = 0$$

$$-2c = 1$$

$$\therefore c = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\therefore b + c = 0.$$

$$\therefore b = -\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Putting value of a , b and c in equation (1), we get;

$$T = K m^0 l^{1/2} g^{-1/2}$$

$$\therefore T = K \frac{l^{1/2}}{g^{1/2}} = K \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

$$\therefore T = K \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

where $K = 2\pi$ (experimentally obtained)

$$\therefore T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

Q.18 The centripetal force depends on mass of the body (m), velocity of the body (v) and radius (r), then derive the formula of centripetal force (F) by dimension analysis method.

$$\therefore F \propto m^a v^b r^c$$

$$\therefore F = K m^a v^b r^c \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where, K is dimensional constant

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

$$= K [M^a L^b T^{-b} L^c]$$

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

by comparing the power, we get.

$$a = 1$$

$$-2 = -b$$

$$\therefore b = 2$$

$$b+c = 1$$

$$\therefore c = 1 - 2 = -1$$

Putting the values in eq (1), we get

$$F = K M^1 V^2 \mu^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{K m V^2}{\mu}$$

μ

where $K = 1$ (experimentally obtained)

$$\therefore F = \frac{m V^2}{\mu}$$

μ

Q.19

If force (F), velocity (V) and time (T) are assumed as a fundamental quantities then find the dimensional formula of mass (m)

$$m = F^a V^b T^c \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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

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

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

On comparing quantities, we get

$$a = 1$$

$$a+b = 0$$

$$\therefore b = -a = -1$$

$$-2a - b + c = 0$$

$$\therefore c = 2a + b = 2 \times 1 + (-1) = 2 - 1 = 1$$

Putting these values in eq (1), we get

$$m = F^1 V^{-1} T^1$$

$$m = \frac{FT}{V} \quad ; \quad \text{OR}$$

V

Short trick ;

$$\therefore F = ma$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{F}{m} \quad \therefore m = \frac{F}{a}$$

$$m = \frac{F I}{v} = [F' T' V^{-1}] \quad \left[\because a = \frac{v}{T} \right]$$

Q.30 In the above question, find the dimensional formula of work.

$$\therefore W = F \times \text{displacement}$$

$$= F \times v T \quad [\because \text{displacement} = v \times T]$$

$$\therefore W = [F' V' T'] = FVT$$

Limitations of dimensional analysis method:

i) The value of proportionality constant (K) is not obtained by dimensional analysis method.

ii) We cannot derive the formula or equation which has two or more than two terms in forms of addition or subtraction.

eg: $s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

iii) We cannot derive the equation or formula which has trigonometrical function, logarithmic function and exponential function.

eg: $N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$

$$y = A \sin(\omega t)$$