

**Ex.**

A thin copper wire of length  $L$  increase in length by 2% when heated from  $T_1$  to  $T_2$ . If a copper cube having side  $10L$  is heated from  $T_1$  to  $T_2$  what will be the percentage change in

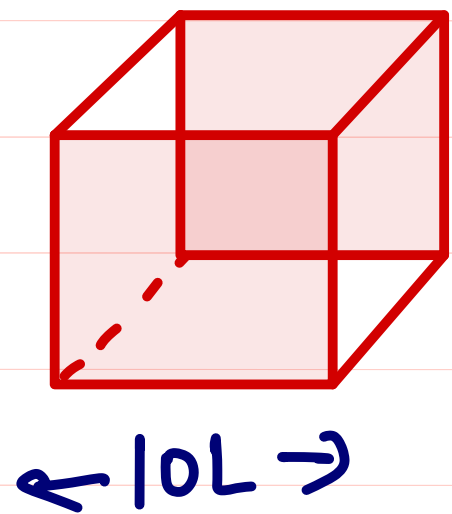
(i) area of one face of the cube and.

(ii) volume of the cube.

**NOTE**

error in  
constant is  
equal to zero

Given  $\frac{\Delta L}{L} = \frac{2}{100}$



(i) Area of one face  $= (10L)^2$   
 $A = 100 L^2$   
 $= \frac{\Delta(100)}{100} + 2 \frac{\Delta L}{L}$

$$\frac{\Delta A}{A} = \left( 2 \frac{\Delta L}{L} \right)$$

% Error  
 $\left( \frac{\Delta A}{A} \times 100 \right) = 2 \times 2$   
 $= 4\% \text{ Ans}$

(ii) volume  $= (10L)^3$   
 $V = 1000 L^3$   
 $\frac{\Delta V}{V} = \left( 3 \frac{\Delta L}{L} \right)$   
 $\left( \frac{\Delta V}{V} \times 100 \right) = 3 \left( \frac{\Delta L}{L} \times 100 \right)$   
 $= 3 \times 2$   
 $= 6\%$

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### Question For Practice

- Q1.** Two rods have lengths measured as  $(1.8 \pm 0.2)\text{m}$  and  $(2.3 \pm 0.1)\text{m}$ . Calculate their combined length with error limits.
- Q2.** The original length of wire is  $(153.7 \pm 0.6)\text{ cm}$  . It is stretched to  $(155.3 \pm 0.2)\text{ cm}$ . Calculate the elongation in the wire with error limits.
- Q3.** In an experiment, values of two resistances are measured to be  $r_1 = (5.0 \pm 0.2)\text{ ohm}$  and  $r_2 = (10.0 \pm 0.1)\text{ ohm}$ . Find the values of total resistance in series with limits of percentage error.
- Q4.** The radius of a sphere is measured to be  $(2.1 \pm 0.5)\text{ cm}$ . Calculate its surface area with absolute error limits.
- Q5.** A physical quantity  $x$  is calculated from the relation  $x = a^3b^2\sqrt{cd}$  . Calculate percentage error in  $x$ , if  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are measured respectively with an error of 1%, 3%, 4% and 2%.

- Ans.** 1.  $(4.1 \pm 0.3)\text{ m}$       2.  $(1.6 \pm 0.8)\text{ cm}$       3.  $R_s = 15\text{ ohm} \pm 2\%$
4.  $(55.4 \pm 26.4)\text{ cm}^2$       5.  $\pm 12\%$

**Q1.** Two rods have lengths measured as  $(1.8 \pm 0.2)\text{m}$  and  $(2.3 \pm 0.1)\text{m}$ . Calculate their combined length with error limits.

$$l_1 = (1.8 \pm 0.2) \text{ m} \quad l_2 = (2.3 \pm 0.1) \text{ m}$$

$$l = l_1 + l_2 = l_m \pm \Delta l_m = (l_{1m} + l_{2m}) \pm (\Delta l_{1m} + \Delta l_{2m})$$

$$l = (1.8 + 2.3) \pm (0.2 + 0.1) = (4.1 \pm 0.3) \text{ m}$$

**Q2.** The original length of wire is  $(153.7 \pm 0.6) \text{ cm}$ . It is stretched to  $(155.3 \pm 0.2) \text{ cm}$ . Calculate the elongation in the wire with error limits.

$$l_i = (153.7 \pm 0.6) \text{ cm} \quad l_f = (155.3 \pm 0.2) \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Elongation} &= (l_f - l_i) = (155.3 - 153.7) \pm (0.2 + 0.6) \\ &= [0.6 \pm 0.8] \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$



**Q3.** In an experiment, values of two resistances are measured to be  $r_1 = (5.0 \pm 0.2)$  ohm and  $r_2 = (10.0 \pm 0.1)$  ohm. Find the values of total resistance in series with limits of percentage error.

$$R_s = (R_1 + R_2) = (5.0 + 10.0) \pm (0.1 + 0.2) \\ = (15.0 \pm 0.3) \Omega \text{ Ans}$$

In terms of %

$$\frac{0.3}{15} \times 100 = 2\%$$

$$(15.0 \Omega \pm 2\%) \text{ Ans}$$

**Q4.** The radius of a sphere is measured to be  $(2.1 \pm 0.5)$  cm. Calculate its surface area with absolute error limits.

$$r = (2.1 \pm 0.5) \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Surface Area (A)} = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\text{Find } A = A_m \pm \Delta A_m$$

$$A_m = 4\pi r_m^2$$

$$= 4 \times \frac{22}{7} \times 2.1 \times 2.1 \text{ cm}^2 \\ = 55.44 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta A}{A} = 2 \frac{\Delta r}{r}$$

$$\Delta A = 2 \left( \frac{0.5}{2.1} \right) \times 4 \times \frac{22}{7} \times 2.1 \times 2.1$$

$$= 1.2 \times 22$$

$$\Delta A = 26.4 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$A = (55.44 \pm 26.4) \text{ cm}^2$$

Ans

**Q5.** A physical quantity  $x$  is calculated from the relation  $x = a^3 b^2 \sqrt{cd}$ . Calculate percentage error in  $x$ , if  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are measured respectively with an error of 1%, 3%, 4% and 2%.

$$\frac{\Delta x}{x} = 3 \frac{\Delta a}{a} + 2 \frac{\Delta b}{b} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta c}{c} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta d}{d}$$

$$= 3 \times 1 + 2 \times 3 + \frac{1}{2} \times 4 + \frac{1}{2} \times 2$$

$$\frac{\Delta x}{x} = 3 + 6 + 2 + 1$$

$$\frac{\Delta x}{x} \% = 12\% \quad \text{Ans}$$

## Applications

1. For a simple pendulum  $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{\ell}{g}}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta T}{T} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta \ell}{\ell}$$

if  $g = \text{const}$

if  $g \neq \text{constant}$

$$T = 2\pi \ell^{1/2} g^{-1/2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta \ell}{\ell} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta g}{g}$$

2. For a sphere of radius  $r$ ,

Surface area  $A = 4\pi r^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta A}{A} = \frac{2\Delta r}{r}$

Volume  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta V}{V} = \frac{3\Delta r}{r}$

3. Acceleration due to gravity  $g = \frac{GM}{R^2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta g}{g} = \frac{2\Delta R}{R} + \frac{\Delta M}{M}$$

4. For resistances connected in series

$$R_s = R_1 + R_2 \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta R_s}{R_s} = \frac{\Delta R_1 + \Delta R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

5. For resistances connected in parallel

$$\frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \Rightarrow -\frac{\Delta R_p}{R_p^2} = -\frac{\Delta R_1}{R_1^2} - \frac{\Delta R_2}{R_2^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta R_p}{R_p^2} = \frac{\Delta R_1}{R_1^2} + \frac{\Delta R_2}{R_2^2}$$

6. Kinetic energy  $K$  and linear momentum  $p$  are related as

$$K = \frac{p^2}{2m} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta K}{K} = \frac{2\Delta p}{p}$$

Ex  $R_1 = (5 \pm 0.1) \Omega$   $R_2 = (5 \pm 0.2) \Omega$ , Parallely connected  
Find resultant resistance in error limits

$$\frac{1}{(R_p)_m} = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{5} \Rightarrow (R_p)_m = \frac{5}{2} = 2.5 \Omega$$

$$\frac{\Delta R_p}{(R_p)_m^2} = \frac{\Delta R_1}{R_1^2} + \frac{\Delta R_2}{R_2^2} = \frac{0.1}{(5)^2} + \frac{0.2}{(5)^2} = \frac{0.3}{(5)^2}$$

$$(\Delta R_p) = \frac{0.3}{(5)^2} \times \frac{5}{2} = \frac{0.3}{4} = 0.075$$

$$R_p = (2.5 \pm 0.075) \Omega \text{ Ans}$$



→ It is minimum value measured by an Instrument -  
OR Absolute Error

Ex- The time period of a simple pendulum is given by  $T = 2\pi\sqrt{L/g}$ . The measured value of  $L$  is 20.0 cm using a scale of least count 1 mm and time  $t$  for 100 oscillations is found to be 90 s using a watch of least count 1 s. Find the value of  $g$  (in  $\text{m s}^{-2}$ ) up to appropriate significant figure, stating the uncertainty in the value of  $g$ .

$$\Delta L = 1 \text{ mm} = 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta t = 1 \text{ s}$$

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}} = \text{time period in one osci.}$$

let  $N$  be No. of oscillation

$$t = NT$$

$$t = N \cdot 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

$$t^2 = 4\pi^2 N^2 \frac{L}{g}$$

$$g = (4\pi^2 N^2) \cdot \frac{L}{t^2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta g}{g} = \frac{\Delta L}{L} + 2 \frac{\Delta t}{t}$$

$$\frac{\Delta g}{g} = \frac{10^{-3} \text{ m}}{20 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} + 2 \frac{1}{90}$$

$$\frac{\Delta g}{g} = \left( \frac{1}{200} + \frac{1}{45} \right)$$

$$\Delta g = \left( \frac{1}{200} + \frac{1}{45} \right) g$$

$$g = 4 \left( \frac{22}{7} \right)^2 (100)^2 \frac{20 \times 10^{-2}}{90 \times 90}$$

$$g = 9.74 (\text{m/s}^2)$$

$$\Delta g = 0.26 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$g = (9.74 \pm 0.26) \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$g = (9.7 \pm 0.3) \text{ m/s}^2$$

**Ex** In the measurement of a physical quantity  $X = \frac{A^2 B}{C^{1/3} D^3}$ . The percentage errors introduced in the measurements of the quantities  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  are 2%, 2%, 4% and 5% respectively. Then the minimum amount of percentage of error in the measurement of  $X$  is contributed by:

- (a)  $A$  (b)  $B$   
 (c)  $C$  (d)  $D$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta X}{X} &= 2 \frac{\Delta A}{A} + \frac{\Delta B}{B} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\Delta C}{C} + 3 \frac{\Delta D}{D} \\ &= 2(2\%) + (2\%) + \frac{1}{3}(4\%) + 3(5\%) \\ &= 4\% + 2\% + \underline{\underline{\frac{4}{3}\%}} + 15\% \end{aligned}$$



① The error in the measurement of the radius of a sphere is 1%. The error in the measurement of the volume is

- (a) 1%                      ~~(b) 3%~~  
 (c) 5%                      (d) 8%

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{\Delta V}{V} \% = 3 \frac{\Delta r}{r} \% = 3 (1\%) = 3\%$$

② If the error in the measurement of the volume of a sphere is 6%, then the error in the measurement of its surface area will be

- (a) 2%                      (b) 3%  
~~(c) 4%~~                      (d) 7.5%

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \textcircled{2} \frac{\Delta V}{V} = 3 \frac{\Delta r}{r} & \frac{\Delta A}{A} = 2 \frac{\Delta r}{r} \\ 6 = 3 \frac{\Delta r}{r} & = 2 \times 2 \\ 2 = \frac{\Delta r}{r} & = 4\% \end{array}$$

③ The moment of inertia of a body rotating about a given axis is  $6.0 \text{ kg m}^2$  in the SI system. What is the value of the moment of inertia in a system of units in which the unit of length is 5 cm and the unit of mass is 10 g?

- (a)  $2.4 \times 10^3$                       ~~(b)  $2.4 \times 10^5$~~   
 (c)  $6.0 \times 10^3$                       (d)  $6.0 \times 10^5$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} M \cdot I &= \text{mass} \times (\text{radius})^2 \\ &= (\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2) \times 6 \\ &= (1000 \text{ gm}) (100 \text{ cm})^2 \times 6 \\ &= 10^3 \text{ gm} \cdot 10^4 \text{ cm}^2 \times 6 \\ &= 10^2 (\underline{10 \text{ gm}}) \frac{10^4}{25} (\underline{5 \text{ cm}})^2 \times 6 \\ &= 6 \times \frac{10^6}{25} \left[ \underline{10 \text{ gm} \cdot (5 \text{ cm})^2} \right] = 2.4 \times 10^5 \end{aligned}$$

Method -2

$$N_1 U_1 = N_2 U_2$$

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

$$N_2 = N_1 \left[ \frac{U_1}{U_2} \right]$$

$$= 6 \left[ \frac{\text{kg}}{10 \text{ gm}} \right]^1 \left[ \frac{\text{m}}{5 \text{ cm}} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{sec}} \right]^0$$

$$= 6 \left[ \frac{1000 \cancel{\text{gm}}}{10 \cancel{\text{gm}}} \right]^1 \left[ \frac{100 \cancel{\text{cm}}}{5 \cancel{\text{cm}}} \right]^2$$

$$= 6 [10^2] [20]^2$$

$$= 6 \times 10^2 \times 4 \times 10^2$$

$$= 24 \times 10^4$$

$$N_2 = 2.4 \times 10^5 \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

Ex

If energy  $E$ , velocity  $V$  and time  $T$  are chosen as the fundamental units, the dimensional formula for surface tension will be

(a)  $E V^2 T^{-2}$

(b)  $E V^{-1} T^{-2}$

☒ (c)  $E V^{-2} T^{-2}$

(d)  $E^2 V^{-1} T^{-2}$

$$\text{Tension} = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Length}} = \frac{M' L' T^{-2}}{L'} = M' L^0 T^{-2}$$

$$S \propto E^a V^b T^c$$

$$[M' L^0 T^{-2}] = [M' L^2 T^{-2}]^a [M^0 L' T^{-1}]^b [T']^c$$

$$M' L^0 T^{-2} = M^a L^{2a+b} T^{-2a-b+c}$$

$$\boxed{a=1}$$

$$2a+b=0$$

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

$$\boxed{b=-2}$$

$$-2+2+c=-2$$

$$\boxed{c=-2}$$

$$S \propto E V^{-2} T^{-2}$$



Ex - The amplitude of a damped oscillator of mass  $m$  varies with time  $t$  as

$$A = A_0 e^{(-at/m)}$$

The dimensions of  $a$  are

- (a)  $ML^0T^{-1}$  (b)  $M^0LT^{-1}$   
 (c)  $MLT^{-1}$  (d)  $ML^{-1}T$

Ex - A student measures the value of  $g$  with the help of a simple pendulum using the formula

$$g = \frac{4\pi^2 L}{T^2}$$

The errors in the measurements of  $L$  and  $T$  are  $\Delta L$  and  $\Delta T$  respectively. In which of the following cases is the error in the value of  $g$  the minimum?

- (a)  $\Delta L = 0.5$  cm,  $\Delta T = 0.5$  s  
 (b)  $\Delta L = 0.2$  cm,  $\Delta T = 0.2$  s  
 (c)  $\Delta L = 0.1$  cm,  $\Delta T = 1.0$  s  
 (d)  $\Delta L = 0.1$  cm,  $\Delta T = 0.1$  s

①  $\frac{at}{m} = M^0 L^0 T^0 \Rightarrow [a] = \frac{m}{t} = [M^1 L^0 T^{-1}]$

②  $\frac{\Delta g}{g} = \frac{\Delta L}{L} + 2 \frac{\Delta T}{T}$

For minimum,  $\Delta L$  &  $\Delta T$  should be minimum.