



## UNIT - 1

### PHYSICAL WORLD AND MEASUREMENT

\* Physics → Greek word

English translation → Measurement of Natural Phenomenon  
(Measurements started with trading.)

# Scale → Any device that can measure a definite physical quantity.

# Fundamental Physical Quantity →

(i) Which cannot interchange

(ii) Hypothetical

(iii) They have no formula

(iv) They are self made

(v) 7 fundamentals

\* formula → structure of composition

(1) Mass → Quantity of material in a substance

(2) Distance → Separation between 2 points

(3) Time → duration between any 2 events

(4) Electric Current → Flow of charge per unit time

(5) Luminous Intensity → Measurement of glow

(6) Temperature → degree of hotness or coldness

(7) Quantity of Matter → Number of gas molecules



# Fundamental Units → Representatives of fundamental physical Quantities

F.P.Q	F.P.U	Dimension
Mass	Kg	[M]
Distance	m	[L]
Time	second - s	[T]
Electric current	Amp	[A]
Luminous Intensity	Candela	[Cd]
Temperature	K	[θ] Theta
Quantity of Matter	mole	—

# Derivative Physical Quantity → Physical quantities made of fundamental Phy. Quantities

$$(1) \underline{\text{Area}} \rightarrow l \times b = m \times m = m^2 = [L^2]$$

$$(2) \underline{\text{Volume}} \rightarrow \text{area} \times h = m^2 \times m = m^3 = [L^3]$$

$$(3) \underline{\text{Mass Density}} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} \text{Linear mass density} &= \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}} = [ML^{-1}] \\ \text{Area mass density} &= \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^2} = [ML^{-2}] \\ \text{Volume mass density} &= \text{kgm}^{-3} = [ML^{-3}] \end{aligned}$$

$$(4) \underline{\text{Velocity}} \rightarrow \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} = \text{ms}^{-1} = [LT^{-1}]$$

$$(5) \underline{\text{Linear Momentum}} \rightarrow \text{mass} \times \text{velocity} = \text{kg} \times \text{ms}^{-1} = [MLT^{-1}]$$

$$(6) \underline{\text{Acceleration}} \rightarrow \frac{\text{Velocity}}{\text{time}} = \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{\text{s}} = \text{ms}^{-2} = [MLT^{-2}]$$



(7.) Force  $\rightarrow$  mass  $\times$  acceleration =  $\text{kgms}^{-2}$  =  $[\text{MLT}^{-2}]$  Newton<sup>SI</sup>  
Dyne

(8.) Work  $\rightarrow$  force  $\times$  distance =  $\text{kgms}^{-2} \times \text{m}$  =  $[\text{ML}^2\text{T}^{-2}]$  Joule<sup>SI</sup>  
Erg

(9.) Torque  $\rightarrow$  Unit and dimension same as work  $[\text{ML}^2\text{T}^{-2}]$

(10.) Energy <sup>(any type)</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Unit and dimension same as work  $[\text{ML}^2\text{T}^{-2}]$

(11.) Power  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{\text{Work}}{\text{time}} = \frac{\text{kgm}^2\text{s}^{-2}}{\text{s}} = \text{kgm}^2\text{s}^{-3} = [\text{ML}^2\text{T}^{-3}]$  Watt<sup>SI</sup>

(12.) Pressure  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}} = \frac{\text{kgms}^{-2}}{\text{m}^2} = \text{kgm}^{-1}\text{s}^{-2} = [\text{ML}^{-1}\text{T}^{-2}]$

(13.) Modulus of Elasticity

Young Modulus

Modulus of resistivity

Bulk modulus

Stress  $\rightarrow$  Same as pressure  $[\text{ML}^{-1}\text{T}^{-2}]$

(14.) Strain  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{\Delta l}{l} = \frac{\text{Change in dimension}}{\text{dimension}} = [L^\circ]$

(15.) Frequency  $\rightarrow$  Reciprocal of time =  $\frac{1}{\text{Time}} = \frac{1}{\text{s}} = [\text{T}^{-1}]$  Hertz<sup>SI unit</sup>

\* Dimension  $\rightarrow$  Gives info about how many units are present  
Different physical Quantities can have same units and dimensions

# Supplementary Physical Quantities  $\rightarrow$  Physical Quantities which have no natural unit

(1.) Angle  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{\text{arc}}{\text{Radius}} = \text{radian}$

(2.) Solid Angle  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{\text{Area}}{\text{Radius}^2} = \text{steradian}$



\* Imp

## Applications of Dimensions → Uses of dimensions

(i) To know the correctness of any formula →

Q<sub>1</sub>.  $F = mv\pi$        $F = \text{force}$ ,  $m = \text{mass}$ ,  $v = \text{velocity}$   
 $\pi = \text{radius}$

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

$[MLT^{-2}] \neq [ML^2T^{-1}]$  Hence incorrect formula

Q<sub>2</sub>.  $F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$

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

$[MLT^{-2}] = [MLT^{-2}]$  Hence correct formula

Q<sub>3</sub>.  $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

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

$[ML^2T^{-2}] = [ML^2T^{-2}]$  Hence correct formula

\* Imp. Smarts

(ii) To derive any formula →

Q<sub>4</sub>. Centripetal force ( $F$ ) depends on mass ( $m$ ), velocity ( $v$ ), radius ( $r$ ). Derive formula of ( $F$ ) by using Dimension method.

(i) Rough formula →  $F = (k) m v^b r^c - \text{eq}$

↓

Dimensionless constant

a, b, c are powers

\* Constants in formula

$$k = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a = \pi r^2 \Rightarrow \pi$$

$$f = ma \Rightarrow 1$$

\* formula is relation between 2 or more Physical Quantities



(ii) R.D.O.B.S  $\rightarrow$  Right Dimension of Both sides.

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

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

(iii) Compare the Powers  $\rightarrow$

$$M^a = M^1$$

$$a = 1$$

$$L^{b+c} = L^1$$

$$b+c = 1$$

$$2+c = 1$$

$$c = -1$$

$$T^{-b} = T^{-2}$$

$$-b = +2$$

(iv) Put value of a, b, c in eq ①  $\rightarrow$

$$F = k m' v^2 M^{-1}$$

$$F = k \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

\* Demerits of this method  $\rightarrow$

(i) Cannot find k (constant)

(ii) Cannot find formula with more than 4 Quantities

(iii) Cannot derive formula with addition and subtraction  
( $v = u + at$ )

\* k can be found out by practical method.

(iii) To convert one unit system to another unit system  $\rightarrow$

Principle  $\rightarrow$

$$n_1 u_1 = n_2 u_2$$

Product of magnitude to unit is constant



# Buzzhive

The basics of basics

Q<sub>1</sub>. Convert 36 km/h into m/s. n<sub>1</sub> = 36

$$n_1 u_1 = n_2 u_2$$

$$36 [L, T_1^{-1}] = n_2 [L_2 T_2^{-1}]$$

$$n_2 = \frac{36 [L, T_1^{-1}]}{[L_2 T_2^{-1}]}$$

$$n_2 = 36 \times \left[ \frac{L_1}{L_2} \right] \times \left[ \frac{T_1}{T_2} \right]^{-1}$$

$$n_2 = 36 \times \left[ \frac{\text{km}}{\text{m}} \right] \times \left[ \frac{\text{hour}}{\text{sec}} \right]^{-1}$$

$$n_2 = 36 \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ m}} \times \left[ \frac{3600 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ sec}} \right]^{-1}$$

$$n_2 = \frac{36 \times 1000}{3600}$$

$$n_2 = 10$$

$$36 \text{ km/h} = 10 \text{ m/s}$$

Q<sub>2</sub>. Convert 10 m/s<sup>-2</sup> into km/min<sup>-2</sup>.

$$n_1 u_1 = n_2 u_2$$

$$n_1 = 10 \quad n_2 = ?$$

$$n_2 = \frac{10 \times [L, T_1^{-2}]}{[L_2 T_2^{-2}]}$$

$$n_2 = 10 \times \left[ \frac{L_1}{L_2} \right] \times \left[ \frac{T_1}{T_2} \right]^{-2}$$

$$n_2 = 10 \times \left[ \frac{\text{m}}{\text{Km}} \right] \times \left[ \frac{\text{s}}{\text{min}} \right]^{-2}$$

$$n_2 = 10 \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{1000 \text{ m}} \times \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ s}}$$

$$n_2 = 36$$

$$10 \text{ ms}^{-2} = 36 \text{ km min}^{-2}$$



(iv) Homogeneity in Dimension  $\rightarrow$  Similar units can be added subtracted etc.

Vander Waal equation

$$\left( P + \frac{a}{V^2} \right) (V - b) = RT$$

P = Pressure

V = Volume

$$D. \text{ of } b = [L^3] \text{ (same as volume)}$$

a, b = ?

$$\frac{a}{V^2} = P \Rightarrow a = PV^2$$

$$D. \text{ of } a = [ML^{-1}T^{-2}][L^3]^2$$

$$a = [ML^5T^{-2}]$$

# Error  $\rightarrow$  Uncertainty in any physical measurement

# Least Count  $\rightarrow$  Smallest measurement that can be taken on a scale

# Error  $\rightarrow$   $0 < \text{Error} \leq \text{least count}$

(i) Carelessness

(ii) Deformed scale

(iii) Automatic Error

# Calculation of Error  $\rightarrow$

$$(1) \text{ True value } x = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n}{n}$$

$$(2) \text{ Absolute error } \Delta x_1 = |x - x_1| \quad \Delta x_n = |x - x_n|$$

$$\text{Absolute error } \Delta x_2 = |x - x_2|$$

$$(3) \text{ Mean absolute error } \Delta x = \frac{\Delta x_1 + \Delta x_2 + \dots + \Delta x_n}{n}$$



$$(4) \text{ Fractional Error} = \frac{\Delta x}{x}$$

$$(5) \text{ Percentage Error} = \frac{\Delta x}{x} \times 100$$

Q2. Calculate the following for 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 :

Sol. True Value  $x = \frac{1.1 + 1.2 + 1.3 + 1.4 + 1.5}{5}$

$$= \frac{6.5}{5} \stackrel{13}{\Rightarrow} 1.3$$

$$\text{Absolute error} \Rightarrow \Delta x_1 = |1.3 - 1.1| = 0.2$$

$$\Delta x_2 = |1.3 - 1.2| = 0.1$$

$$\Delta x_3 = |1.3 - 1.3| = 0$$

$$\Delta x_4 = |1.3 - 1.4| = 0.1$$

$$\Delta x_5 = |1.3 - 1.5| = 0.2$$

$$\text{mean absolute error } \Delta x = \frac{0.2 + 0.1 + 0 + 0.1 + 0.2}{5}$$

$$= \frac{0.6}{5} \Rightarrow 0.12$$

$$\text{Fractional error} = \frac{0.12 \times 10}{1.3 \times 100} \Rightarrow \frac{12}{130} \stackrel{0.092}{=} 0.092$$

$$\text{Percentage error} = \frac{0.12 \times 100}{1.3} \Rightarrow \frac{120}{13} \stackrel{9.23\%}{=} 9.23\%$$

\*  $\boxed{\text{Error} = \frac{\text{Least Count}}{\text{Measured Value}}} \quad (\text{Single Value Questions})$

\* Least Count =



# Measured Value with error  $\rightarrow$   $x \pm \Delta x$

$$1.3 \pm 0.92$$

Q1. 25 oscillations of a pendulum are measured in 20s.  
Calculate % error in the measurement.

Soln) Measured Value = 20 sec  
Least count = 1 sec

$$\% \text{ Error} = \frac{1}{20} \times 100^5 \Rightarrow 5\%$$

# Errors in Derivative Quantities  $\rightarrow$  Depends on the fundamental Phy. Qns.

$$S = a + b$$

$$\frac{\Delta S}{S} = \frac{\Delta a}{a} + \frac{\Delta b}{b}$$

\* Error calculated in terms of individual quantities

$$S = ab^2 \quad \frac{\Delta S}{S} = \frac{\Delta a}{a} + 2 \frac{\Delta b}{b}$$

Q2. Write fractional error formula for  $A = \pi r^2$

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

Q3. Write % error formula for  $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} \times 100 = 3 \frac{\Delta r}{r} \times 100$$



- Q3. A sphere has radius  $r = (10 \pm 2) \text{ cm}$ . Calculate % error in calculation of sphere's area.

$$A = 4\pi r^2 \quad r = 10 \quad \Delta r = 2$$

$$\frac{\Delta A}{A} \times 100 = 2 \times \frac{\Delta r}{r} \times 100$$

$$\frac{A \cdot L}{10} = 2 \times 2 \times 100 = 40\%$$

- Q4. A physical quantity  $S$  is given by  $S = (a^2 b^3) / c^4$ . Calculate % error when  $a, b, c$  is 17, 27 and 37.

$$\frac{\Delta S}{S} \times 100 = 2 \left( \frac{\Delta a}{a} \times 100 \right) + 3 \left( \frac{\Delta b}{b} \times 100 \right) + 4 \left( \frac{\Delta c}{c} \times 100 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta S}{S} \times 100 &= 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 + 4 \times 3 \\ &= 2 + 6 + 12 \\ &= 20\% \text{ Ans} \end{aligned}$$

- Q5. Write area of sphere with error  $R = (10 \pm 2) \text{ cm}$ .

$$A = 4\pi r^2 \quad r = 10 \quad \Delta r = 2$$

$$= 4\pi \times 100 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$= 400\pi \text{ cm}^2$$

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

$$\Delta A = 2 \times \frac{2}{10} \times 400\pi \text{ cm}^2 = 160\pi$$

$$\text{Area with Error} = (400\pi \pm 160\pi) \text{ cm}^2$$

# Significant figure → In any measurement, the no. of digits useful and 2 doubtful

55 → 2 significant figure

5.5 → 2

$5 \times 10^3 \rightarrow 1$



## # Accuracy and Precision →

52.3 <sup>True value</sup>

51.9

52.2 → most accurate

51.29 → most precise

52.29 → most precise and most accurate

\* Accuracy means closeness of any measured value to the true value.

\* Precision gives more info