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This Python package addresses physical dimensional analysis. In particular, `py-dimensional-analysis` calculates from a given system of (dimensional) variables those products that yield a desired target dimension.

The following example illustrates how the variables mass, force, time and pressure must relate to each other in order to produce the dimension $\text{length} \cdot \text{time}$.

```
import danalysis as da

si = da.standard_systems.SI          # predefined standard units
s = da.Solver(
    {
        'a' : si.M,                  # [a] is mass
        'b' : si.L*si.M*si.T**-2,    # [b] is force (alt. si.F)
        'c' : si.T,                  # [c] is time
        'd' : si.Pressure             # [d] is pressure
    },
    si.L*si.T                         # target dimension
)
print(s.solve())
# Found 2 variable products of variables
# {
#     a:Q(M),
#     b:Q(L*M*T**-2),
#     c:Q(T),
#     d:Q(L**-1*M*T**-2)
# }, each of dimension L*T:
#     1: [a*c**-1*d**-1] = L*T
#     2: [b**0.5*c*d**-0.5] = L*T
```

This library is based on [Szi07], and also incorporates ideas and examples from [San19, Son01].

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