

DIMENSION ANALYSIS

Fundamental quantities

Mass \rightarrow M

length \rightarrow L

Time \rightarrow T

Temperature \rightarrow K

Current \rightarrow A

No of moles \rightarrow mol

Luminous
Intensity \rightarrow Cd

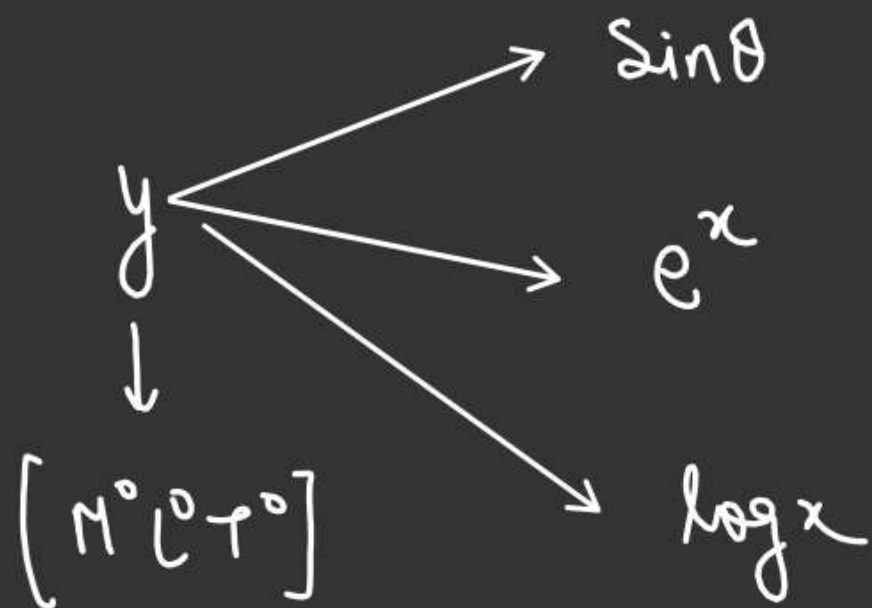
Derived quantities

Which are derived from
fundamental quantities.

Dimensionless

L All Numerical values are dimensionless.
 $1, 2, 3, \theta, (\text{radian})$

L) log, exponential & trigonometric functions are always dimensionless.



Principle of homogeneity

$$A = B \pm C$$

$$[A] = [B] = [C]$$

\Rightarrow Quantities having same dimension can be added or subtracted & resultant quantity is also of same dimension.

① To derive any formula.

$$F \propto m^a A^b$$

$$F = \underline{K} \underline{m}^a \underline{A}^b$$

$K \rightarrow$ Can be found experimentally.

$$\downarrow$$

$$[MLT^{-2}] = [M]^a [LT^{-2}]^b$$

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

$$a=1, b=1$$

② To check any expression is dimensionally correct or not.

$$L.H.S(\text{dimension}) = R.H.S(\text{Dimension})$$

$$v = \underline{u} + at$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$L.H.S \rightarrow [LT^{-1}]$$

$$R.H.S = u + at$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$[LT^{-1}] + [LT^{-2} \cdot T]$$

$$\underline{L.H.S = R.H.S}$$

Conversion of unit of any physical quantity

$$[\text{old unit}] = [\text{New unit}]$$

Ex:- Unit of mass taken as 5 kg, unit of length 20m and unit of time as 10 sec.

Convert 1 J of energy according to new unit

$$\begin{aligned} W = E &= \frac{F \times L}{1} \\ &= \frac{MLT^{-2}}{1} \cdot (L) \\ &= \frac{ML^2T^{-2}}{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E' &= (E) \left[\frac{M_1}{M_2} \right]^1 \left[\frac{L_1}{L_2} \right]^2 \left[\frac{T_1}{T_2} \right]^{-2} \\ &= 1J \left[\frac{1}{5} \right] \left[\frac{1}{20} \right]^2 \left[\frac{1}{10} \right]^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$\begin{matrix} M_2 \\ L_2 \\ T_2 \end{matrix} \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{New} \\ \text{unit} \end{matrix} \right.$

$$\begin{aligned} E' &= \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{4 \times 10^2} \times 10^2 \\ E' &= \left(\frac{1}{20} \right) \end{aligned}$$

\downarrow
New unit

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Q.1 Expression for time in terms of G (universal gravitational constant), h (Planck constant) and c (speed of light) is proportional to **[JEE (Main)-2019]**

✓ (A) $\sqrt{\frac{Gh}{c^5}}$

(B) $\sqrt{\frac{c^3}{Gh}}$

(C) $\sqrt{\frac{Gh}{c^3}}$

(D) $\sqrt{\frac{hc^5}{G}}$

$$t \propto G^x h^y c^z$$

$$F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$

$$E = h\nu$$

$$c = LT^{-1}$$

$$h = \frac{E}{\nu}$$

$$[M^0 L^0 T] = [M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}]^x [ML^2 T^{-1}]^y [LT^{-1}]^z$$

$$G = \frac{Fr^2}{m_1m_2} = \frac{MLT^{-2} \cdot L^2}{M^2}$$

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

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

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

$$M^0 L^0 T = M^{-x+y} L^{3x+2y+z} T^{-2x-y-z}$$

$$-x+y=0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$3x+2y+z=0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$-2x-y-z=0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

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Q.2 The force of interaction between two atoms is given by $F = \alpha\beta \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\alpha kT}\right)$; where x is the distance, k is the Boltzmann constant and T is temperature and α and β are two constants. The dimension of β is **[JEE (Main)-2019]**

(A) $M^0 L^2 T^{-4}$

✓ (B) $M^2 L T^{-4}$

(C) $M L T^{-2}$

(D) $M^2 L^2 T^{-2}$

$$\underline{F} = \underline{\alpha\beta} e^{\left(\frac{-x^2}{\underline{\alpha kT}}\right)}$$

\downarrow Dimensionless
 \uparrow Dimension same.

Boltzmann Constant $k = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Temp.}} = \frac{M L^2 T^{-2}}{K} = [M L^2 T^{-2} K^{-1}]$

$$[F] = [\alpha\beta]$$

$$\downarrow$$

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

$$[\beta] = \underline{M^2 L T^{-4}}$$

$$[\alpha kT] = [x^2]$$

$$\alpha [M L^2 T^{-2} K^{-1} \cdot K] = L^2$$

$$\alpha = \underline{M^{-1} T^2}$$

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Q.3 If speed (V), acceleration (A) and force (F) are considered as fundamental units, the dimension of Young's modulus will be **[JEE (Main)-2019]**

(A) $V^{-2}A^2F^{-2}$

(B) $V^{-2}A^2F^2$

✓✓ (C) $V^{-4}A^2F$

(D) $V^{-4}A^{-2}F$

$$Y = \frac{\text{Stress} \rightarrow \frac{F}{A}}{\text{Strain}}$$

↓
Dimensionless

$$[Y] = \left[\frac{MLT^{-2}}{L^2} \right] = [ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$$

$$Y \propto V^x A^y F^z$$

$$[Y] = [LT^{-1}]^x [LT^{-2}]^y [MLT^{-2}]^z$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$ML^{-1}T^{-2} = L^{x+y+z} T^{-x-2y-2z} M^z$$

$$z = 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x + y + z = -1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$x + 2y + 2z = 2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$x + y = -2$$

$$x + 2y = 0$$

$$x + y = -2$$

$$y = 2, \quad x = -4, \quad z = 1$$

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Q.4 If Surface tension (S), Moment of Inertia (I) and Planck's constant (h), were to be taken as the fundamental units, the dimensional formula for linear momentum would be:

[JEE (Main)-2019]

(A) $S^{1/2} I^{3/2} h^{-1}$

(B) $S^{3/2} I^{1/2} h^0$

(C) $S^{1/2} I^{1/2} h^{-1}$

✓ (D) $S^{1/2} I^{1/2} h^0$

$$p \propto S^x I^y h^z$$

$$S = \frac{F}{L} = \frac{MLT^{-2}}{L} = MT^{-2}$$

$$I = m r^2 = ML^2$$

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

$$[MLT^{-1}] = [MT^{-2}]^x [ML^2]^y [ML^2 T^{-1}]^z$$

$$MLT^{-1} = M^{x+y+z} L^{2y+2z} T^{-2x-z}$$

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$2y + 2z = 1 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2} - z$$

$$-2x - z = -1 \Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{-1+z}{-2} \right)$$

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Q.5 In the formula $X = 5YZ^2$, X and Z have dimensions of capacitance and magnetic field, respectively. What are the dimensions of Y in SI units? **[JEE (Main)-2019]**

(A) $[M^{-2}L^{-2}T^6A^3]$

(B) $[M^{-1}L^{-2}T^4A^2]$

(C) $[M^{-2}L^0T^{-4}A^{-2}]$

☒ (D) $[M^{-3}L^{-2}T^8A^4]$

$X = \text{Capacitance}$

$$Q = CV$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{AT}{\frac{ML^2T^{-2}}{AT}}$$

$$C = \underline{M^{-1}L^{-2}A^2T^4}$$

$$V = \frac{W}{q} = \frac{ML^2T^{-2}}{AT}$$

$$F = IlB$$

$$B = \frac{F}{Il} = \frac{MLT^{-2}}{AL}$$

$$B = MT^{-2}A^{-1}$$

$$Y = \frac{X}{Z^2}$$

$$[Y] = \frac{M^{-1}L^{-2}A^2T^4}{M^2T^{-4}A^{-2}}$$

$$[Y] = M^{-3}L^{-2}T^8A^4$$

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Q.6 A quantity f is given by $f = \sqrt{\frac{hc^5}{G}}$ where c is speed of light, G universal gravitational constant and h is the Planck's constant. Dimension of f is that of

[JEE (Main)-2020]

☒ (A) Energy

(B) Area

(C) Volume

(D) Momentum

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

$$[c] = LT^{-1}$$

$$[G] = \frac{MLT^{-2} \cdot L^2}{M^2}$$

$$= M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}$$

$$f = \left[\frac{(ML^2T^{-1}) (LT^{-1})^5}{M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

\Downarrow

$$f = \sqrt{\frac{hc^5}{G}}$$

$f =$

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Q.7 If momentum (P), area (A) and time (T) are taken to be the fundamental quantities then the dimensional formula for energy is **[JEE (Main)-2020]**

(A) $[P^{\frac{1}{2}}AT^{-1}]$

(B) $[P^2AT^{-2}]$

(C) $[PA^{\frac{1}{2}}T^{-1}]$

(D) $[PA^{-1}T^{-2}]$

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Q.8 Dimensional formula for thermal conductivity is (here K denotes the temperature)

[JEE (Main)-2020]

(A) $MLT^{-2} K^{-2}$

✓ (B) $MLT^{-3} K^{-1}$

(C) $MLT^{-3} K$

(D) $MLT^{-2} K$

$P = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{time}}$

$[P] = \frac{ML^2T^{-2}}{T}$
 $= ML^2T^{-3}$

$\left(\frac{dQ}{dt}\right) = K' A \left(\frac{dT}{dx}\right)$

Power = K (Area) x

$K = \frac{\text{Power} \times \text{length}}{\text{Area} \times \text{Temp}}$

$K' = \left[\frac{ML^2T^{-3} \cdot L}{L^2 \cdot K} \right]$

$K' = [MLT^{-3}K^{-1}]$

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Q.9 A quantity x is given by (IFv^2/WL^4) in terms of moment of inertia I , force F , velocity v , work W and length L . The dimensional formula for x is same as that of

[JEE (Main)-2020]

(A) Coefficient of viscosity

(B) Force constant ~~\times~~ \rightarrow

$$F = Kx$$

~~(C) Energy density~~ ✓

~~(D) Planck's constant~~ ✓

$$K = \frac{MLT^{-2}}{L} = MT^{-2}$$

$$x = \left(\frac{IFv^2}{WL^4} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Energy density} &= \frac{ML^2T^{-2}}{L^3} \\ &= ML^{-1}T^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$W = \underline{F \cdot L} \quad \rightarrow \quad x = \frac{ML^2 \times \cancel{F} \times v^2}{\cancel{F} \times L \times L^4}$$

$$I = ML^2$$

$$x = ML^{-3}(LT^{-1})^2$$

$$\underline{x = ML^{-1}T^{-2}}$$

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Q.10 If e is the electronic charge, c is the speed of light in free space and h is Planck's

constant, the quantity $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|e|^2}{hc}$ has dimensions of :

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(A) $[MLT^{-1}]$

(B) $[MLT^0]$

(C) $[LC^{-1}]$

~~(D) $[M^0 L^0 T^0]$~~

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{|e|^2}{r^2}$$

$$Fr^2 = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$X = \frac{Fr^2}{hc}$$

$$X = \frac{Fr^2}{E\lambda}$$

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$$E \cdot \lambda = hc$$

$$X = \frac{F \cdot \text{(length)}^2}{\text{(length)}^2}$$

Dimens.

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Q.11 In a typical combustion engine the work done by a gas molecule is given by $W = \alpha^2 \beta e^{-\frac{\beta x^2}{kT}}$, where x is the displacement, k is the Boltzmann constant and T is the temperature, If α and β are constants, dimensions of α will be : **[JEE (Main)-2021]**

(A) $[MLT^{-1}]$

(C) $[MLT^{-2}]$

☒ (B) $[M^0 L T^0]$

(D) $[M^2 L T^{-2}]$

$$W = \alpha^2 \beta e^{-\frac{\beta x^2}{kT}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Dimensionless} \quad (M^0 L^0 T^0)$$

$$K = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{temp}} = ML^2 T^{-2} K^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\beta x^2}{kT} = 1$$

$$\beta = \frac{kT}{x^2} = \frac{ML^2 T^{-2} K^{-1} K}{L^2}$$

$$\beta = MT^{-2}$$

$$[\alpha^2 \beta] = [ML^2 T^{-2}]$$

$$[\alpha^2] = \frac{ML^2 T^{-2}}{MT^{-2}} = L^2$$

$$[\alpha] = [L]$$

$$= [M^0 L T^0]$$

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Q.12 If 'C' and 'V' represent capacity and voltage respectively then what are the dimensions of λ where $C/V = \lambda$? → Capacitance. [JEE (Main)-2021]

(A) $[M^{-1} L^{-3} I^{-2} T^{-7}]$

☒ (B) $[M^{-2} L^{-4} I^3 T^7]$

(C) $[M^{-2} L^{-3} I^2 T^6]$

(D) $[M^{-3} L^{-4} I^3 T^7]$

$\lambda =$

$\lambda = \frac{C}{V}$

$\lambda = \frac{q}{V^2}$

$V = \frac{W}{q}$

$q = CV$

$C = (q/V)$

↓
A

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Q.13 The entropy of any system is given by

$$S = \alpha^2 \beta \ln \left[\frac{\mu k R}{J \beta^2} + 3 \right]$$

where α and β are the constants, μ , J , k and R are no. of moles, mechanical equivalent of heat, Boltzmann constant and gas constant respectively.

[Take $S = \frac{dQ}{T}$]

Choose the incorrect option from the following

(A) S , β , k and μR have the same dimensions

(B) α and k have the same dimensions

(C) α and J have the same dimensions

(D) S and α have different dimensions

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$$\frac{\mu k R}{J \beta^2} = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$[\beta] = \left[\mu k R \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{Entropy} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Temp}} = M L^2 T^{-2} K^{-1}$$

$$[\alpha] = \left[\frac{M L^2 T^{-2} K^{-1}}{[\beta]} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

μ is dimensionless

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Q.14 If time (t), velocity (v), and angular momentum (I) are taken as the fundamental units. Then the dimension of mass (m) in terms of t , v , and I is: **[JEE (Main)-2021]**

(A) $[t^{-1}v^1t^{-2}]$

~~(B) $[t^{-1}v^{-2}i]$~~

(C) $[t^1v^2r^{-1}]$

(D) $[t^{-2}v^{-1}p^1]$

$$m \propto t^x v^y I^z$$

$$[M^0 L^0 T^0] = [T]^x [LT^{-1}]^y$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = M^z L^{y+2z} T^{-y-z+x}$$

$$z=1, \quad -y-z+x=0$$

$$y+2z=0 \quad x=y+z=0 \Rightarrow x=-1$$

$$\therefore y=-2,$$

Angular
Momentum

(I)

=

$$\begin{aligned} L &= p r_{\perp} \\ &= (MLT^{-1}) \cdot L \\ &= ML^2 T^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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Q.15 The force is given in terms of time t and displacement x by the equation

$$\underline{F} = A \cos Bx + C \sin Dt$$

The dimensional formula of $\frac{AD}{B}$ is

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

(B) $[M^0 L T^{-1}]$

(C) $[M^2 L^2 T^{-3}]$

☒ (D) $[ML^2 T^{-3}]$

Dt & $Bx \rightarrow$ Dimensionless

$$[D] = [T^{-1}]$$

$$[A] = [C] = [F]$$


$$[B] = [L^{-1}]$$

$$[A] = [MLT^{-2}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{AD}{B} \right] &= \frac{MLT^{-2} \cdot T^{-1}}{L^{-1}} \\ &= [ML^2 T^{-3}] \end{aligned}$$

DIMENSION ANALYSIS**Q.16 Match List-I with List-II.****[JEE (Main)-2021]**

List-I	List-II
(a) Capacitance, C	(i) $M^1 L^1 T^{-3} A^{-1}$
(b) Permittivity of	(ii) $M^{-1} L^{-3} T^4 A^2$ free space, ϵ_0
(c) Permeability of	(iii) $M^{-1} L^{-2} T^4 A^2$ free space, μ_0
(d) Electric field, E	(iv) $M^1 L^1 T^{-2} A^{-2}$



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Q.17 If E, L, M and G denote the quantities as energy, angular momentum, mass and constant of gravitation respectively, then the dimensions of P in the formula $P = EL^2M^{-5}G^{-2}$ are: **[JEE (Main)-2021]**

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

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

(C) $[M^0 L^1 T^0]$

☒ (D) $[M^0 L^0 T^0]$

$$P = \frac{E L^2 M^{-5} G^{-2}}{1}$$

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

$$[P] = [ML^2T^{-2}][ML^2T^{-1}]^2[M^{-5}][M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}]^{-2}$$

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Q.18 Which of the following equations is dimensionally incorrect?

Where t = time, h = height, s = surface tension, θ = angle, ρ = density, a, r = radius, g = acceleration due to gravity, v = volume, p = pressure, W = work done, τ = torque, ϵ = permittivity, ϵ = electric field, J = current density, L = length

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(A) $h = \frac{2s \cos \theta}{\rho g r}$ $h = \frac{2\tau \cos \theta}{\rho g r}$ ✓

(B) $W = \tau \theta$ correct

(C) $v = \frac{\pi \rho a^4}{8\eta L}$ ✗

(D) $J = \epsilon \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$ ✓

If formula is
Correct then it
must be dimensionally
Correct

if expression dimensionally
Correct then formula
may or may not be correct