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1) DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS & SCALING

DIMENSIONS

PHYSICAL QUANTITIES
THAT YOU CAN **MEASURE**
AND QUANTITY

UNITS OF MEASURE

STANDARDIZE REFERENCE MAGNITUDES

FUNDAMENTAL DIMENSION (SI SYSTEM) ^{INTERNATIONAL STANDARD}

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BASE DIMENSION

NOT INDEPENDENT
WE COULD RETH SOME
AS FUNCTION OF OTHERS

- TIME
- LENGTH
- MASS
- CURRENT
- TEMPERATURE θ
- AMOUNT OF SUBSTANCE MOL
- LIGHT INTENSITY



ENOUGH FOR MECHANICS
AND THERMODYNAMICS

SINCE IT CAN FLOW
WE CAN "AVOID IT"
IF WE CAN NOT SOLVE
WITH T, L, M ADD θ

DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS: CAN ALWAYS BE DONE. CAN BE USED

- 1) CHECK RESULTS OF CALCULATION
- 2) TO GUESS THE RESULT OF CALCULATION
w/out doing the calculation

CHECK IF THE UNITS OF MEASUREMENT ARE
CORRECT AND THE ONE EXPECTED

- TREAT DIMS AS IF THEY WERE VARIABLES
(ONLY IN PRODUCTS)
- FOR SUM ALL TERMS MUST HAVE THE SAME
DIMENSION

→ REYNOLDS ALSO

(a) SENSIBLE CHOICE OF FUNDAMENTAL DIMENSIONS

(b) SENSIBLE CHOICE OF WHAT PHYSICAL QUANTITIES
THE RESULT MIGHT DEPENDS ON

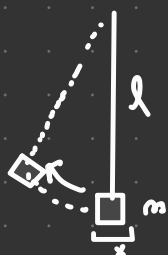
EXAMPLE

PERIOD OF ROTATION

[PERIOD] = T

ANSATZ: $T = m^a l^b \gamma^c$

"TRIAL TO SEE,
IF IT WORKS"



a) $\{L, T, M\}$

b) $m, l,$

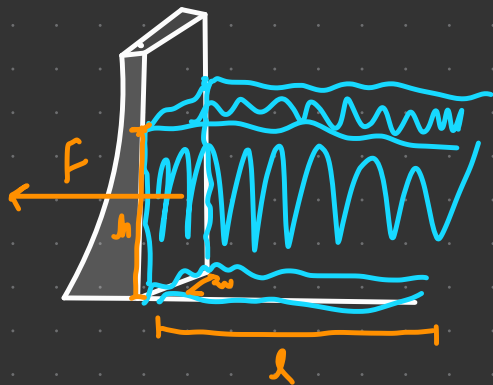
DIM. ANALYSIS
 $T = m^a l^b \left(\frac{L}{T^2}\right)^c = m^a T^{-2c} L^{b+c}$

I WANT THE EQ. M, T, L TO BE
SATISFIED IDENTICALLY \Rightarrow MATCH THE POWERS OF
 T, M, L

$$\begin{array}{lcl} M: & a=0 & \\ L: & b+c=0 & \\ T: & -2c=1 & \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} a=0 \\ b=1/2 \\ c=-1/2 \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE

DAMM (DICA)



DENSITY WATER

VOLUME OF WATER

SURFACE AREA OF THE WATER

PRESSURE CONSTANT

$\{ \rho, V, A, \cancel{m}, \cancel{p}, g \}$

w, l, h

DON'T CARE MASS OF THE DAMM THE FORCE DOES NOT CHANGE

ASSUME THAT h DOES NOT COUNT

$$[F] = [m \omega] = \frac{M L}{T^2}$$

$$M \frac{L}{T^2} = [\rho]^\alpha [g]^\beta [w]^\gamma [h]^\delta$$

$$M \frac{L}{T^2} = \left(\frac{M}{L^3} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{L}{T^2} \right)^\beta L^\gamma L^\delta$$

$$\begin{array}{l} M: 1 = \alpha \\ T: -2 = -2\beta \\ L: 1 = -3\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta \Rightarrow 3 = \gamma + \delta \end{array}$$

$$\alpha = \beta = 1$$

$$F \propto \rho g w^\gamma h^\delta$$

SCALING ARGUMENT $\Rightarrow F \propto w \Rightarrow \gamma = 1 \rightarrow \delta = 2$

$$F \propto \rho g w h^2$$