

Principles of Physics

Lecture 1: Units and Dimensions





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Grades

Contact Hours					CH	Assessment Scheme		
LCT	TUT	LAB	Total	SWL		CW	MT	FE
2	1	1	4	120	3	40	20	40





LMS

- Course Materials: Lectures, tutorial and Lab
- Quizzes, sheets, Assignment.





Learning Outcomes

- Explain basic physics laws in mechanics and find solutions for one-dimensional and two-dimensional problems and communicate the results.
- Calculate the work related to kinetic energy, potential energy, and mechanical power to solve related problems and communicate the results orally/written in a team.
- Explain the concepts of modern physics and use basic knowledge of wave mechanics to solve problems.
- Review the various applications of semiconductors and P-N junction diode.
- Explain physical measurement equipment, perform experiments, interpret data, and draw results and conclusions.
- Write lab reports and present experimental results.





Calendar

- Week 2: Dimensions and Units.
- Week 3: Motion in one dimension, Position, and Displacement.
- Week 4: Equation of motion and Newton's laws of motion.
- Week 5: Vectors and Scalars.
- Week 6: Elastic properties of solids.
- Week 7: Midterm





Calendar

- Week 8: Wave and Oscillations.
- Week 9: Wave and Oscillations (Simple pendulum).
- Week 10: Photoelectric effect.
- Week 11: Semiconductor physics.
- Week 12: Applications of Semiconductors.
- Week 13: Revision.
- Week 14: Practical Exam.
- Week 15: Final Exam.





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Base and Derived Units



Base and Derived Units

- In any system of units, the units for some physical quantities must be defined through a measurement process. These are called the **base quantities** for that system and their units are the system's **base units**. All other physical quantities can then be expressed as algebraic combinations of the base quantities. Each of these physical quantities is then known as a **derived quantity** and each unit is called a **derived unit**.

Base quantity

Base Quantity	SI units
Length, l	metres, m
Mass, m	kilogram, kg
Time, t	second, s
Temperature, T	Kelvin, k
Electrical current, I	Ampere, A

Derived quantity

Derived Quantity	Units
Volume, V	m^3
Density, ρ	kgm^{-3}
Velocity, v	ms^{-1}
Force, F	N
Acceleration, a	ms^{-2}

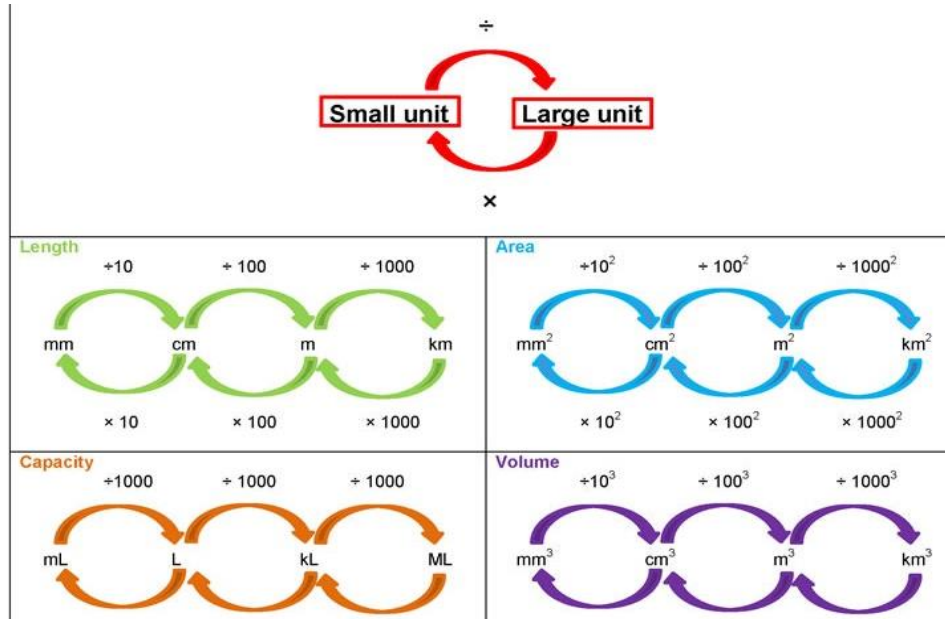


Units Conversion



Unit Conversion

- A conversion factor is an expression used to change from one unit to another.



Mass	$1 \text{ kg} = 10^3 \text{ g}$ $1 \text{ g} = 10^{-3} \text{ kg}$ $1 \text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ $1 \text{ slug} = 14.6 \text{ kg}$ $1 \text{ metric ton} = 1000 \text{ kg}$	Force	$1 \text{ N} = 0.225 \text{ lb}$ $1 \text{ lb} = 4.45 \text{ N}$ Equivalent weight of a mass of 1 kg on Earth's surface = 2.2 lb = 9.8 N $1 \text{ dyne} = 10^{-5} \text{ N} = 2.25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ lb}$
Length	$1 \text{ \AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ $1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-9} \text{ m}$ $1 \text{ cm} = 10^{-2} \text{ m} = 0.394 \text{ in.}$ $1 \text{ yd} = 3 \text{ ft}$ $1 \text{ m} = 10^{-3} \text{ km} = 3.281 \text{ ft} = 39.4 \text{ in.}$ $1 \text{ km} = 10^3 \text{ m} = 0.621 \text{ mi}$ $1 \text{ in.} = 2.54 \text{ cm} = 2.54 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$ $1 \text{ ft} = 0.305 \text{ m} = 30.5 \text{ cm}$ $1 \text{ mi} = 5280 \text{ ft} = 1609 \text{ m} = 1.609 \text{ km}$ $1 \text{ ly (light year)} = 9.46 \times 10^{12} \text{ km}$ $1 \text{ pc (parsec)} = 3.09 \times 10^{13} \text{ km}$	Pressure	$1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ N/m}^2 = 1.45 \times 10^{-4} \text{ lb/in.}^2 = 7.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm Hg}$ $1 \text{ mm Hg} = 133 \text{ Pa} = 0.02 \text{ lb/in.}^2 = 1 \text{ torr}$ $1 \text{ atm} = 14.7 \text{ lb/in.}^2 = 101.3 \text{ kPa} = 30 \text{ in. Hg} = 760 \text{ mm Hg}$ $1 \text{ lb/in.}^2 = 6.89 \text{ kPa}$ $1 \text{ bar} = 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 100 \text{ kPa}$ $1 \text{ millibar} = 10^2 \text{ Pa}$
Area	$1 \text{ cm}^2 = 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 = 0.1550 \text{ in.}^2 = 1.08 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ft}^2$ $1 \text{ m}^2 = 10^4 \text{ cm}^2 = 10.76 \text{ ft}^2 = 1550 \text{ in.}^2$ $1 \text{ in.}^2 = 6.94 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ft}^2 = 6.45 \text{ cm}^2 = 6.45 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ $1 \text{ ft}^2 = 144 \text{ in.}^2 = 9.29 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2 = 929 \text{ cm}^2$	Energy	$1 \text{ J} = 0.738 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb} = 0.239 \text{ cal} = 9.48 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Btu} = 6.24 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV}$ $1 \text{ kcal} = 4186 \text{ J} = 3.968 \text{ Btu}$ $1 \text{ Btu} = 1055 \text{ J} = 778 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb} = 0.252 \text{ kcal}$ $1 \text{ cal} = 4.186 \text{ J} = 3.97 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Btu} = 3.09 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb}$ $1 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb} = 1.36 \text{ J} = 1.29 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Btu}$ $1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ $1 \text{ kWh} = 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$ $1 \text{ erg} = 10^{-7} \text{ J} = 7.38 \times 10^{-6} \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb}$
Volume	$1 \text{ cm}^3 = 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 = 3.35 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^3 = 6.10 \times 10^{-2} \text{ in.}^3$ $1 \text{ m}^3 = 10^6 \text{ cm}^3 = 10^3 \text{ L} = 35.3 \text{ ft}^3 = 6.10 \times 10^4 \text{ in.}^3 = 264 \text{ gal}$ $1 \text{ liter} = 10^3 \text{ cm}^3 = 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 = 1.056 \text{ qt} = 0.264 \text{ gal}$ $1 \text{ in.}^3 = 5.79 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft}^3 = 16.4 \text{ cm}^3 = 1.64 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$ $1 \text{ ft}^3 = 1728 \text{ in.}^3 = 7.48 \text{ gal} = 0.0283 \text{ m}^3 = 28.3 \text{ L}$ $1 \text{ qt} = 2 \text{ pt} = 946 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.946 \text{ L}$ $1 \text{ gal} = 4 \text{ qt} = 231 \text{ in.}^3 = 0.134 \text{ ft}^3 = 3.785 \text{ L}$	Power	$1 \text{ W} = 1 \text{ J/s} = 0.738 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb/s} = 1.34 \times 10^{-3} \text{ hp} = 3.41 \text{ Btu/h}$ $1 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb/s} = 1.36 \text{ W} = 1.82 \times 10^{-3} \text{ hp}$ $1 \text{ hp} = 550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb/s} = 745.7 \text{ W} = 2545 \text{ Btu/h}$
Time	$1 \text{ h} = 60 \text{ min} = 3600 \text{ s}$ $1 \text{ day} = 24 \text{ h} = 1440 \text{ min} = 8.64 \times 10^4 \text{ s}$ $1 \text{ y} = 365 \text{ days} = 8.76 \times 10^3 \text{ h} = 5.26 \times 10^5 \text{ min} = 3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$	Mass-Energy Equivalents	$1 \text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \leftrightarrow 931.5 \text{ MeV}$ $1 \text{ electron mass} = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} = 5.49 \times 10^{-4} \text{ u} \leftrightarrow 0.511 \text{ MeV}$ $1 \text{ proton mass} = 1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 1.007267 \text{ u} \leftrightarrow 938.28 \text{ MeV}$ $1 \text{ neutron mass} = 1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 1.008665 \text{ u} \leftrightarrow 939.57 \text{ MeV}$
Speed	$1 \text{ m/s} = 3.60 \text{ km/h} = 3.28 \text{ ft/s} = 2.24 \text{ mi/h}$ $1 \text{ km/h} = 0.278 \text{ m/s} = 0.621 \text{ mi/h} = 0.911 \text{ ft/s}$ $1 \text{ ft/s} = 0.682 \text{ mi/h} = 0.305 \text{ m/s} = 1.10 \text{ km/h}$ $1 \text{ mi/h} = 1.467 \text{ ft/s} = 1.609 \text{ km/h} = 0.447 \text{ m/s}$ $60 \text{ mi/h} = 88 \text{ ft/s}$	Temperature	$T_F = \frac{9}{5} T_C + 32$ $T_C = \frac{5}{9} (T_F - 32)$ $T_K = T_C + 273.15$
		Angle	$1 \text{ rad} = 57.3^\circ$ $1^\circ = 0.0175 \text{ rad}$ $15^\circ = \pi/12 \text{ rad}$ $30^\circ = \pi/6 \text{ rad}$ $45^\circ = \pi/4 \text{ rad}$ $1 \text{ rev/min} = (\pi/30) \text{ rad/s} = 0.1047 \text{ rad/s}$ $60^\circ = \pi/3 \text{ rad}$ $90^\circ = \pi/2 \text{ rad}$ $180^\circ = \pi \text{ rad}$ $360^\circ = 2\pi \text{ rad}$



Dimensional Analysis



Dimensional Analysis

- The dimension of any physical quantity expresses its dependence on the base quantities as a product of symbols representing the base quantities. This table lists the base quantities and the symbols used for their dimension.

Base Quantity	Symbol for Dimension
Mass	M
Length	L
Time	T



Dimensional Analysis

Chapter 1: Dimensional Analysis and Engineering units التحليل البُعدي والوحدات الهندسية

Derived Physical Quantities			الكميات الفيزيائية المشتقة				
Quantity	الكمية	Law	القانون	Unit	الوحدة	Dimension	البعد
Distance	المسافة	$d = l$		m		L	
Area	المساحة	$A = l^2$		m^2		L^2	
Volume	الحجم	$V = l^3$		m^3		L^3	
Velocity	السرعة	$v = l/t$		m/s		$L.T^{-1}$	
Acceleration	العجلة	$a = v/t = l/t^2$		m/s^2		$L.T^{-2}$	
Momentum	كمية الحركة	$P_m = m v$		$kg.m/s$		$M.L.T^{-1}$	
Force	القوة	$F = m a$		$kg.m/s^2$		$M.L.T^{-2}$	
Impulse	الدفع	$J = F t$		$kg.m/s$		$M.L.T^{-1}$	
Energy or Work	الطاقة أو الشغل	$W = F d$		$kg.m^2/s^2$		$M.L^2.T^{-2}$	
Power	القدرة	$p = E/t$		$kg.m^2/s^3$		$M.L^2.T^{-3}$	
Density	الكثافة	$\rho = m/V$		kg/m^3		$M.L^{-3}$	
Pressure	الضغط	$P = F/A$		$kg/m.s^2$		$M.L^{-1}.T^{-2}$	

Dimensionless quantity








- All the numbers
- Some constant (such as $\pi = 22/7 = 3.14$)
- Ratios (Proportions)
- Non-algebraic Functions
such as: *Logarithmic functions* $\log(x)$, $\ln(x)$ – *Exponential Functions* e^x , a^x – *Trigonometric Functions* $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$, $\tan(x)$.

Dimension of a dimensionless quantities is 1



Important rules

قواعد هامة

- (١) يجب وضع اى كمية فيزيائية يطلب تحليل بعدى لها بدلالة الكميات الفيزيائية الثلاثة $\underline{\text{Mass (M)}}$, $\underline{\text{Length (L)}}$, $\underline{\text{Time (T)}}$ 
- (٢) يفضل مراعاة الترتيب عند كتابة الـ Dimension لاي كمية فيزيائية بمعنى نكتب الـ Dimension كالآتى $(M \rightarrow L \rightarrow T)$ 
- (٣) يمكن ضرب او قسمة الـ Dimension بمعنى $(LT^{-1} \times LT^{-1} = L^2T^{-2})$ 
- (٤) لا يمكن جمع او طرح الـ Dimension بمعنى $(LT^{-1} + LT^{-1} = LT^{-1})$ الجمع والطرح هنا ليس جبريا. 
- (٥) اذا كان هناك كميتين A & B لهما وحدات قياس مختلفة فانه لايمكن جمعهم او طرحهم (لا يمكن ان نقول $A + B$ او $A - B$). 
- (٦) اذا كان هناك كميتين A & B لهما وحدات قياس متشابهة فانه يمكن جمعهم او طرحهم (يمكن ان نقول $A + B$ او $A - B$). 
- (٧) اذا كان هناك كميتين A & B لهما وحدات قياس مختلفة او متشابهة فانه يمكن ضربهم او قسمتهم (يمكن ان نقول $A \times B$ او A / B). 



Problems

- Given, $F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$, Find the unit and the dimension of G?

Solution:

The unit

$$G = \frac{F \cdot r^2}{m_1 m_2} = \frac{N \cdot m^2}{Kg^2}$$

The dimensions

$$G = \frac{F \cdot r^2}{m_1 m_2} = \frac{MLT^{-2}L^2}{M^2} = M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}$$



Uses of the dimensions



Uses of the dimensions

- Verify the validity of any equation التأكد من صحة أي معادلة
- Example: Verify the following equations:

$$1 - v = v_0 + a t$$

$$2 - s = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$3 - v_f^2 = v_0^2 + 2 a s$$

Solution:

1	L.H.S	R.H.S
	$[v] = L.T^{-1}$	$[v_0] = L.T^{-1}$
		$[a] * [t] = L.T^{-2} * T = L.T^{-1}$
		$[v_0] + [a] * [t] = L.T^{-1}$
		$\therefore [L.H.S] = [R.H.S]$



Uses of the dimensions

2	L.H.S	R.H.S
	$[s] = L$	$[v_0] * [t] = L.T^{-1} * T^{-1} = L$
		$[a] * [t^2] = L.T^{-2} * T^2 = L$
		$[v_0] * [t] + [a] * [t^2] = L$
	$\therefore [L.H.S] = [R.H.S]$	

3	L.H.S	R.H.S
	$[v_f^2] = L^2.T^{-2}$	$[v_o^2] = L^2.T^{-2}$
		$[a] * [s] = L.T^{-2} * L = L^2.T^{-2}$
		$[v_o^2] + [a] * [s] = L^2.T^{-2}$
	$\therefore [L.H.S] = [R.H.S]$	



Uses of the dimensions

- Deduce the law of any physical quantity** إستنتاج القانون الخاص بأي كمية فيزيائية

Example : Prove that the period of oscillations of a simple pendulum is proportional to its length (L), the acceleration of gravity (g) & the mass of pendulum (m)

Solution

نفرض ان زمن الاهتزازات يساوى دالة فى المتغيرات (طول البندول - عجلة الجاذبية - كتلة البندول)

let that $T_p = f(l, g, m)$

$T_p = k(l^a g^b m^c)$ ثابت ليس له وحدة : k

take the dimension of both sides

$[T_p] = [l^a] [g^b] [m^c]$

$T = M^c * L^a * L^b \cdot T^{-2b} = M^c L^{a+b} T^{-2b}$

بمساواة الاسس فى الطرفين

w.r.t (T) $\rightarrow -2b = 1 \Rightarrow b = -\frac{1}{2}$

w.r.t (M) $\rightarrow c = 0$

w.r.t (L) $\rightarrow a + b = 0 \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}$

$T = k l^{0.5} g^{-0.5} m^0 \Rightarrow \boxed{T = k \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}}$



Problems

Example: Suppose we are told that the acceleration (a) of a particle moving with uniform speed (v) in a circle of radius (r) is proportional to some power of (r), say (r^x) & some power of (v), say (v^y). Determine the values of (x & y) and write the simplest form for the acceleration.

Solution

$$a = k (r^x v^y)$$

ثابت ليس له وحدة : k

take the dimension of both sides

$$[a] = [r^x] [v^y]$$

$$L.T^{-2} = L^x * (L.T^{-1})^y = L^{x+y}.T^{-y}$$

بمساواة الأسس في الطرفين

$$\text{w.r.t (T)} \rightarrow -y = -2 \Rightarrow y = 2$$

$$\text{w.r.t (L)} \rightarrow x + y = 1 \Rightarrow x = -1$$

$$a = k r^{-1} v^2$$

$$\boxed{a = k \frac{v^2}{r}}$$



Problems

- Assuming that the mass m of the largest stone that can be moved by a flowing river depends on the velocity V of the water, its density ρ , and the acceleration of gravity g . Show that m varies as the sixth power of the water velocity in the river.

Solution:

$$m \propto \rho V g$$

$$m = k V^a \rho^b g^c \quad \Rightarrow (1)$$

$$M = (L T^{-1})^a (M L^{-3})^b (L T^{-2})^c$$

$$M = L^a T^{-a} M^b L^{-3b} L^c T^{-2c}$$

$$M = L^{a-3b+c} T^{-a-2c} M^b$$

$$\text{For } M: b = 1 \quad \Rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{For } L: a - 3b + c = 0$$

$$a + c = 3 \quad \Rightarrow (3)$$

$$\text{For } T: -a - 2c = 0 \quad \Rightarrow (4)$$

Add (3) and (4):

$$c = -3 \quad \Rightarrow (5)$$

Substitute from (5) in (3):

$$a = 6 \quad \Rightarrow (6)$$

Substitute from (2), (5), and (6) in (1):

$$\therefore m = \frac{k V^6 \rho}{g^3}$$



Thank You...

