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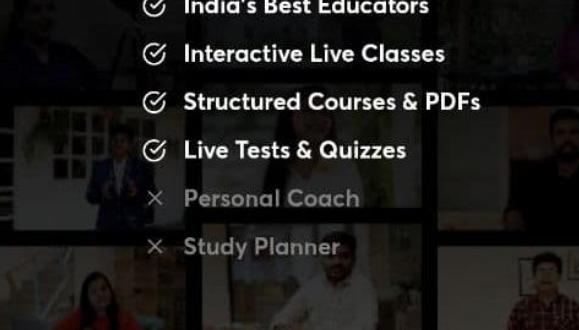
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NEET & AIIMS PYQs Solutions

**Units & Dimensions
By Physicsaholics Team**

The unit of permittivity of free space, ϵ_0 is

- (a) coulomb/newton-metre [CBSE AIPMT 2004]
(b) newton-metre²/coulomb²
(c) coulomb²/newton-metre²
(d) coulomb²/(newton-metre)²

$$F = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 r^2} \rightarrow \epsilon_0 = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi r^2 F}$$

$$\text{Unit of } \epsilon_0 = \frac{\text{Coulomb}^2}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}$$

Ans. (c)

According to Newton, the viscous force acting between liquid layers of area A and velocity gradient $\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta z}$ is given by $F = \eta A \frac{dv}{dz}$,

where η is constant called [CBSE AIPMT 1990]

- (a) $[ML^{-2}T^{-2}]$ (b) $[M^0L^0T^0]$ (c) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$ (d) $[ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$

$$[\eta] = \frac{[F][dz]}{[A][dv]} = \frac{MLT^{-2} L}{L^2 LT^{-1}} = ML^{-1} T^{-1}$$

Ans. (d)

The dimensions of $(\mu_0 \epsilon_0)^{-1/2}$ are

[CBSE AIPMT 2012]

(a) $[L^{1/2} T^{-1/2}]$

(c) $[LT^{-1}]$

(b) $[L^{-1} T]$

(d) $[L^{1/2} T^{1/2}]$

$$C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = (\mu_0 \epsilon_0)^{-1/2}$$
$$\Rightarrow [(\mu_0 \epsilon_0)^{-1/2}] = [C] = LT^{-1}$$

Ans. (c)

The dimensions of $\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$, where ϵ_0 is
permittivity of free space and E is electric
field, are [CBSE AIPMT 2010]

(a) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$

(c) $[ML^2T^{-1}]$

(b) $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$

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

$$\left[\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 \right] = [\text{energy density}] = \left[\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{volume}} \right]$$
$$\frac{ML^2T^{-2}}{L^3} = ML^{-1}T^{-2}$$

Ans. (b)

If the dimensions of a physical quantity are given by $[M^a L^b T^c]$, then the physical quantity will be

[CBSE AIPMT 2009]

- (a) pressure if $a = 1, b = -1, c = -2$
- (b) velocity if $a = 1, b = 0, c = -1$
- (c) acceleration if $a = 1, b = 1, c = -2$
- (d) force if $a = 0, b = -1, c = -2$

$$M^1 [T^{-2}] = [\text{Pressure}]$$

$$M^1 L^0 T^{-1} \neq [\text{Velocity}]$$

$$MLT^{-2} \neq [\text{Acceleration}]$$

$$M^0 L^{-1} T^{-2} \neq [\text{force}]$$

Ans. (a)

Which two of the following five physical parameters have the same dimensions?

- (i) Energy density
 - (ii) Refractive index
 - (iii) Dielectric constant
 - (iv) Young's modulus
 - (v) Magnetic field
- (a) (ii) and (iv)
 - (c) (i) and (iv)
 - (b) (iii) and (v)
 - (d) (i) and (v)

[CBSE AIPMT 2008]

$$[\text{energy density}] = \frac{[\text{energy}]}{[\text{Volume}]} = \frac{ML^2T^{-2}}{L^3} = ML^{-1}T^{-2}$$

$$[\text{Young Modulus}] = \left[\frac{F/A}{(l/e)} \right]$$

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

Ans. (c)

Dimensions of resistance in an electrical circuit, in terms of dimension of mass M , of length L , of time T and of current I , would be

[CBSE AIPMT 2007]

(a) $[ML^2T^{-3}I^{-1}]$

(c) $[ML^2T^{-1}I^{-1}]$

(b) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$

(d) $[ML^2T^{-3}I^{-2}]$

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

Ans. (d)

The ratio of the dimensions of Planck's constant and that of the moment of inertia is the dimension of

[CBSE AIPMT 2005]

- (a) frequency
- (b) velocity
- (c) angular momentum
- (d) time

$$\frac{[h]}{[I]} = \frac{[PS]}{[I]} = \frac{MLT^{-1}L}{ML^2} = M^0 L^0 T^{-1}$$

$$[\text{frequency}] = \frac{1}{[T]} = T^{-1}$$

Ans. (a)

The dimensions of universal gravitational constant are

[CBSE AIPMT 2004, 1992]

- (a) $[M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}]$
- (c) $[M^{-2}L^3T^{-2}]$

(b) $[ML^2T^{-1}]$

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

$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}[G] &= \frac{[F][r^2]}{[m_1][m_2]} \\ &= \frac{MLT^{-2} L^2}{MM} \\ &= M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

Ans. (a)

Planck's constant has the dimensions of

- (a) linear momentum
- (b) angular momentum
- (c) energy
- (d) power

[CBSE AIPMT 2001]

$$[h] = [PS] = [P\vartheta]$$

$= [\text{Angular momentum}]$

Ans. (b)

A pair of physical quantities having same dimensional formula is [CBSE AIPMT 2000]

- (a) force and torque
- (b) work and energy
- (c) force and impulse
- (d) linear momentum and angular momentum

$$W = \Delta K \Rightarrow [W] = [Energy]$$

Ans. (b)

The dimensional formula for magnetic flux is

[CBSE AIPMT 1999]

- (a) $[ML^2T^{-2}A^{-1}]$
(c) $[M^0L^{-2}T^2A^{-2}]$

- (b) $[ML^3T^{-2}A^{-2}]$
(d) $[ML^2T^{-1}A^2]$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E} &= -\frac{\Delta \Phi}{\Delta t} \Rightarrow [\Phi] = [\mathcal{E}] [t] = \left[\frac{W}{q}\right] [t] \\ &= \frac{ML^2T^{-2}}{AT} \\ &= ML^2T^{-2}A^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Ans. (a)

Which of the following will have the dimensions of time ?

[CBSE AIPMT 1996]

(a) LC

(b) $\frac{R}{L}$

(c) $\frac{L}{R}$

(d) $\frac{C}{L}$

Time
Constant

$$T = \frac{L}{R}$$

$$\left[\frac{L}{R} \right] = [T]$$

Ans. (c)

Which of the following is a dimensional constant?

[CBSE AIPMT 1995]

- (a) Refractive index
- (c) Relative density

- (b) Poisson's ratio
- (d) Gravitational constant

$$[\text{Refractive index}] = \frac{[C]}{[v]} = M^0 L^6 T^0$$

$$[\text{Poisson's ratio}] = \frac{[\text{transverse strain}]}{[\text{longitudinal strain}]} = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$[\text{relative density}] = \frac{[P]}{[P_0]} = M^0 L^6 T^0$$

$$[G] \neq M^0 L^0 T^0$$

Ans. (d)

The dimensional formula for permeability of free space, μ_0 is [CBSE AIPMT 1991]

(a) $[MLT^{-2}A^{-2}]$

(c) $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}A^2]$

(b) $[ML^{-1}T^2A^{-2}]$

(d) $[MLT^{-2}A^{-1}]$

$$\frac{F}{l} = \frac{l_0 i_1 i_2}{2\pi d} \Rightarrow [l_0] = \frac{[Fd]}{[i_1 i_2 l]} = \frac{MLT^{-2}}{A^2}$$
$$= MLT^{-2}A^{-2}$$

Ans. (a)

The dimensional formula of pressure is

[CBSE AIPMT 1990]

- (a) $[MLT^{-2}]$ (b) $[ML^{-1}T^2]$ (c) $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$ (d) $[MLT^{-2}]$

$$[P] = \frac{[F]}{[A]} = \frac{MLT^{-2}}{L^2} = ML^{-1}T^{-2}$$

Ans. (c)

The dimensional formula of torque is

[CBSE AIPMT 1989]

(a) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$

(c) $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$

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

(d) $[ML^{-2}T^{-2}]$

$$[\tau] = [F][r]$$

$$= L MLT^{-2}$$

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

Ans. (a)

Dimensional formula of self-inductance is

[CBSE AIPMT 1989]

- (a) $[MLT^{-2}A^{-2}]$
(c) $[ML^2T^{-2}A^{-2}]$

- (b) $[ML^2T^{-1}A^{-2}]$
(d) $[ML^2T^{-2}A^{-1}]$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} Li^2 \Rightarrow [L] = \frac{[V]}{[i^2]} = \frac{ML^2T^{-2}}{A^2}$$
$$= ML^2T^{-2}A^{-2}$$

Ans. (c)

Of the following quantities, which one has dimensions different from the remaining three?

[CBSE AIPMT 1989]

- (a) Energy per unit volume
- (b) Force per unit area
- (c) Product of voltage and charge per unit volume
- (d) Angular momentum

$$[\text{force per unit area}] = [P] = [\text{Pressure energy per unit volume}]$$
$$\left[\frac{\text{avv}}{\text{Volume}} \right] = \left[\frac{\text{work by electric field}}{\text{Volume}} \right] = \left[\frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} \right]$$

Ans. (d)

The dimensional formula for angular momentum is

[CBSE AIPMT 1988]

- (a) $[M^0 L^2 T^{-2}]$
- (b) $[ML^2 T^{-1}]$
- (c) $[MLT^{-1}]$
- (d) $[ML^2 T^{-2}]$

Ans. (b)

If C and R denote capacitance and resistance respectively, then the dimensional formula of CR is

[CBSE AIPMT 1988]

(a) $[M^0 L^0 T]$

(b) $[M^0 L^0 T^0]$

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

(d) Not expressible in terms of $[MLT]$

Time Constant $T = RC$

$$[T] = [RC] = T$$

Ans. (a)

The unit of thermal conductivity is :

(a) $\text{J m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$

(c) $\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$

(b) W m K^{-1}

(d) J m K^{-1}

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$$\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = \frac{KA\Delta T}{l} \Rightarrow K = \frac{\Delta Q l}{A \Delta t \Delta T}$$

Unit of $K = \frac{\text{J m}}{\text{m}^2 \text{Sec}}$

$$= (\text{Watt m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1})$$

Ans. (c)

Q) Dimensions of stress are :

- (1) $[ML^0T^{-2}]$
- (2) $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$
- (3) $[MLT^{-2}]$
- (4) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$

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$$[\text{Stress}] = \frac{[F]}{[A]} = \frac{MLT^{-2}}{L^2} = ML^{-1}T^{-2}$$

Ans. 2

The only mechanical quantity which has negative dimension of mass is

- (a) angular momentum
- (b) torque
- (c) coefficient of thermal conductivity
- (d) gravitational constant

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

Ans. (d)

What is the dimension of luminous flux?

- (a) $[LT^{-1}]$
- (c) $[MLT^{-1}]$

- (b) $[ML^2T^{-3}]$
- (d) $[ML^{-2}T]$

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Luminous flux = Visible power emitted by a body

$$[\text{L.flux}] = [\text{Power}]$$

$$= ML^2T^{-3}$$

Ans. (b)

The dimensions of Planck's constant are [1997]

(a) $[ML^{-3}T^{-1}]$

(b) $[ML^{-2}T^{-1}]$

(c) $[M^0L^{-1}T^{-3}]$

(d) $[ML^2T^{-1}]$

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$$[\hbar] = [PES] \quad \text{AS } P = \frac{\hbar}{s}$$

$$= MLT^{-1}L$$

$$= ML^2T^{-1}$$

Ans. (d)

The dimensional formula of magnetic flux is

AIIMS [1998]

(a) $[ML^0 T^{-2} A^{-1}]$

(b) $[ML^2 T^{-2} A^{-1}]$

(c) $[ML^2 T^{-1} A^3]$

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

$$\epsilon = -\frac{\Delta \phi}{\Delta t} \Rightarrow [\phi] = [\epsilon] [A t] = \frac{[W] [At]}{[V]}$$

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

Ans. (b)

What is the dimensional formula of gravitational constant? AIIMS [2000]

(a) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$

(c) $[M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}]$

(d) none of these

$$F = \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r^2}$$
$$[F] = \frac{[F][r^2]}{[m_1][m_2]} = \frac{MLT^{-2} L^2}{M^2}$$
$$= M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}$$

Ans. (c)

Which of the following pairs does not have similar dimensions ?

AIIMS [2001]

- (a) tension and surface tension
- (b) stress and pressure
- (c) Planck's constant and angular momentum
- (d) angle and strain

$$[\text{tension}] = [\text{force}]$$

$$[\text{surface tension}] = \frac{[\text{force}]}{[\text{length}]} \neq [\text{tension}]$$

Ans. (a)

The dimensions of energy are

AIIMS [2002]

- (a) $[ML^3T^{-3}]$
- (b) $[ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$
- (c) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$
- (d) $[MT^{-2}]$

$$[\text{Energy}] = \left[\frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [m] [v]^2 \\ &= [M] [L^2 T^{-2}] \end{aligned}$$

Ans. (c)

Using mass (M), length (L), time (T) and current (A) as fundamental quantities, the dimensions of permeability are :

AIIMS [2003]

(a) $[M^{-1}LT^{-2}A]$

(c) $[MLT^{-2}A^{-2}]$

(b) $[ML^{-2}T^{-2}A^{-1}]$

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

$$\frac{F}{l} = \frac{\mu_0 i_1 i_2}{2\pi d} \Rightarrow [\mu_0] = \frac{[F][d]}{[i_1][i_2][l]} = \frac{MLT^{-2}L}{A^2 L}$$
$$= ML T^{-2} A^{-2}$$

Ans. (c)

Using mass (M), length (L), time (T) and current (A) as fundamental quantities, the dimensional formula of permittivity is:

AIIMS [2004]

- (a) $[ML^{-2}T^2A]$
- (b) $[M^{-1}L^{-3}T^4A^2]$
- (c) $[MLT^{-2}A]$
- (d) $[ML^2T^{-1}A^2]$

$$F = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \Rightarrow [\epsilon_0] = \frac{\frac{[q_1 q_2]}{[F][r^2]}}{= \frac{A^2 T^2}{MLT^{-2} L^2}} = M^{-1} L^{-3} T^4 A^2$$

Ans. (b)

Dimensions of electrical resistance are : [2005]

AIIMS

(a) $[ML^2T^{-3}A^{-1}]$

(b) $[ML^2T^{-3}A^{-2}]$

(c) $[ML^3T^{-3}A^{-2}]$

(d) $[ML^{-1}L^3T^3A^2]$

$$\begin{aligned} P &= i^2 R \Rightarrow [R] = \frac{[P]}{[i^2]} \\ &= \frac{[i^2]}{ML^2T^{-3}} \\ &= \frac{A^2}{ML^2T^{-3}A^{-2}} \end{aligned}$$

Ans. (b)

The magnetic moment has dimensions of: [2006]

- (a) $[LA]$
- (c) $[LT^{-1} A]$

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

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$$[\text{magnetic moment}] = [I] [A]$$

$$= [L^2 A]$$

$$[\text{magnetic moment}] = [I] [A]$$

$$= [L^2 A]$$

$$= [L^2 A]$$

Ans. (b)

Which of the following physical quantities do not have same dimensions?

[2007]

AIIMS

(a) pressure and stress

(b) tension and surface tension

(c) strain and angle

(d) energy and work.

$$[\text{Tension}] = [\text{force}] = \text{MLT}^{-2}$$

$$[\text{Surface Tension}] = \left[\frac{\text{F}}{\ell} \right] = \frac{\text{MLT}^{-2}}{\ell} = \text{MT}^{-2}$$

Ans. (b)

What is the dimensions of impedance? [2007]

(a) $ML^2T^{-3}I^{-2}$

(c) $ML^3T^{-3}I^{-2}$

(b) $M^{-1}L^{-2}T^3I^2$ AIIMS

(d) $M^{-1}L^{-3}T^3I^2$

$$Z^2 = R^2 + (X_C - X_L)^2 \Rightarrow [Z] = [R]$$

$$\Rightarrow [Z] = \left[\frac{P}{I^2} \right] = \frac{ML^2T^{-3}}{I^2} = ML^2T^{-3}I^{-2}$$

Ans. (a)

Dimensions of coefficient of viscosity is

AIIMS [2010]

(a) $[MT^2]$

(b) $[ML^{-3}T^{-4}]$

(c) $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$

(d) $[ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$

$$F = G\pi \gamma v \Rightarrow [\gamma] = \left[\frac{F}{\sigma v} \right] = \frac{MLT^{-2}}{LT^{-1}} = ML^{-1}T^{-1}$$

Ans. (d)

Which of the following pair of quantities do not have the same dimensions : **AIIMS [2011]**

- (a) Potential gradient, electric field
- (b) Torque, kinetic energy
- (c) Light year, time period
- (d) Impedance, reactance

$$[\text{Light year}] = [$$

$$[\text{time period}] = T$$

Ans. (c)

The dimensional formula for torque is : [2011]

(a) ML^2T^{-2}

(c) L^2T^{-1}

(b) $ML^{-1}T^{-1}$ AIIMS

(d) $M^2T^{-2}K^{-1}$

$$\tau = \gamma F s_{\perp} \theta$$
$$[\tau] = [\gamma] [F] [s_{\perp} \theta]$$

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

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

Ans. (a)

The dimensional formula of farad is

[2012]

AIIMS

(a) $[M^{-1}L^{-2}TQ]$

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

(c) $[M^{-1}L^{-2}TQ^2]$

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

$$[\text{farad}] = [\text{Capacitance}] = \frac{[q^2]}{[2U]} = \frac{\theta^2}{ML^2T^{-2}}$$
$$= M^{-1}L^{-2}T^2\theta^2$$

Ans. (b)

The dimensions of $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\epsilon_0 E^2$ (ϵ_0 : permittivity of free space, E electric field) are

AIIMS [2014]

- (a) $[MLT^{-1}]$
- (b) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$
- (c) $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$
- (d) $[ML^2T^{-1}]$

$$\left[\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E^2\right] = \left[\text{energy density}\right] = \left[\text{pressure}\right] \\ = \left[\frac{F}{A}\right] = \frac{MLT^{-2}}{L^2} = ML^{-1}T^{-2}$$

Ans. (c)

If e is the charge, V the potential difference, T the temperature, then the units of $\frac{eV}{T}$ are the same as that of

- (a) Planck's constant
- (b) Stefan's constant
- (c) Boltzmann constant
- (d) Gravitational constant

AIIMS [2016]

$$\left[\frac{eV}{T} \right] = \left[\frac{W}{T} \right]$$
$$= \left[\frac{\text{K.E.}}{T} \right]$$
$$= \left[\frac{\frac{3}{2} \frac{KI}{T}}{T} \right] = [K]$$

Ans. (c)

Assertion : The dimensional formula for relative velocity is same as that of the change in velocity.

Reason : Relative velocity of P w.r.t. Q is the ratio of velocity of P and that of Q. [2002]

$$\vec{V}_{A,B} = \vec{V}_A - \vec{V}_B$$

\Rightarrow Assertion is correct + Reason is wrong

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- (a) If both Assertion and Reason are correct and the Reason is a correct explanation of the Assertion.
- (b) If both Assertion and Reason are correct but Reason is not a correct explanation of the Assertion.
- (c) If the Assertion is correct but Reason is incorrect.
- (d) If both the Assertion and Reason are incorrect.
- (e) If the Assertion is incorrect but the Reason is correct.

Ans. (c)

Assertion : Specific gravity of a fluid is a dimensionless quantity.

Reason : It is the ratio of density of fluid to the density of water.

AIIMS [2005]

$$[\text{specific gravity}] = \frac{[\text{density of fluid}]}{[\text{density of water}]} = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

- (a) If both Assertion and Reason are correct and the Reason is a correct explanation of the Assertion.
- (b) If both Assertion and Reason are correct but Reason is not a correct explanation of the Assertion.
- (c) If the Assertion is correct but Reason is incorrect.
- (d) If both the Assertion and Reason are incorrect.
- (e) If the Assertion is incorrect but the Reason is correct.

Ans. (a)

Suppose a quantity y can be dimensionally represented in terms of M , L and T , that is $[y] = [M^a L^b T^c]$ then M

- (a) may be represented in terms of L , T and y if

$$a = 0 \quad \text{If } a=0 \Rightarrow [y] = L^b T^c \rightarrow M \text{ is not in equation.}$$

- (b) may be represented in terms of L , T and y if

$$a \neq 0$$

- (c) can always be dimensionally represented in terms of L , T and y

- (d) can never be dimensionally represented in terms of L , T and y .

(2018)

AIIMS

Ans. (b)

PYQs on Following Subtopic:

Principle of homogeneity

The velocity v of a particle at time t is given by $v = at + \frac{b}{t+c}$, where a, b and c are constants. The dimensions of a, b and c are respectively

[CBSE AIPMT 2006]

- (a) $[LT^{-2}]$, $[L]$ and $[T]$
- (b) $[L^2]$, $[T]$ and $[LT^2]$
- (c) $[LT^2]$, $[LT]$ and $[L]$
- (d) $[L]$, $[LT]$ and $[T^2]$

$$[c] = [t] = T$$

$$\frac{[b]}{[t+c]} = [v] \Rightarrow [b] = LT^{-1}T$$

$$[v] = [a][t] \Rightarrow [a] = \frac{LT^{-1}}{T} = LT^{-2}$$

$$| = L$$

Ans. (a)

The force F on a sphere of radius r moving in a medium with velocity v is given by $F = 6\pi \eta r v$. The dimensions of η are

- (a) $[ML^{-3}]$ (b) $[MLT^{-2}]$ (c) $[MT^{-1}]$ (d) $[ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$

$$[v] = \frac{[F]}{[r][v]} = \frac{MLT^{-2}}{LT^{-1}} = ML^{-1}T^{-1}$$

Ans. (d)

An equation is given as $\left(p + \frac{a}{V^2} \right) = b \frac{\theta}{V}$,

where p = pressure, V = volume and θ = absolute temperature. If a and b are constants, then dimensions of a will be

$$[a] = [p] \Rightarrow [a] = [ML^{-1}T^{-2}]^6 \quad [\text{CBSE AIPMT 1996}]$$

(a) $[ML^5T^{-2}] = M^5T^{-2}$ (b) $[M^{-1}L^5T^2]$

(c) $[ML^{-5}T^{-1}]$ (d) $[ML^5T]$

Ans. (a)

Turpentine oil is flowing through a tube of length l and radius r . The pressure difference between the two ends of the tube is p . The viscosity of oil is given by

$$\eta = \frac{p(r^2 - x^2)}{4vl}$$

$$[v] = \frac{[p][r^2]}{[F][\ell]} = \frac{ML^{-1}T^{-2}L^2}{LT^{-1}L} = ML^{-1}T^{-1}$$

where, v is the velocity of oil at distance x from the axis of the tube. The dimensions of η are

[CBSE AIPMT 1993]

- (a) $[M^0L^0T^0]$
- (b) $[MLT^{-1}]$
- (c) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$
- (d) $[ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$

Ans. (d)

If $x = at + bt^2$, where x is the distance travelled by the body in kilometer while t is the time in second, then the unit of b is

[CBSE AIPMT 1989]

- (a) km/s (b) km-s (c) km/s² (d) km-s²

$$[b][t^2] = [x]$$

$$[b] = \frac{L}{T^2} \rightarrow \text{km/s}^2$$

Ans. (c)

The dimensional formula of the constant a in Vander Waal's gas equation

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

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[1999]

(a) $[ML^4 T^{-1}]$

(b) $[ML^2 T^{-2}]$

(c) $[ML^5 T^{-3}]$

(d) $[ML^5 T^{-2}]$

$$[P] = [a] / [V^2] \Rightarrow [\bar{a}] = [P][V^2] = M^{-1} T^{-2} L^6 = M L^5 T^{-2}$$

Ans. (d)

What are the dimensions of $\frac{A}{B}$ in the relation

$F = A\sqrt{x} + Bt^2$, where F is the force, x is distance and t is time?

- (a) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$ (b) $[L^{-1/2}T^2]$ AIIMS
(c) $[L^{-1/2}T^{-1}]$ (d) $[LT^{-2}]$ (2018)

$$\frac{F}{B} = \frac{A}{B} \sqrt{x} + t^2 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{A}{B} \right] = \frac{[t^2]}{[\sqrt{x}]} = [L^{-1/2}T^2]$$

Ans. (b)

PYQs on Following Subtopic:

Powers are always dimensionless.

The time dependence of physical quantity p is given by $p = p_0 \exp(-\alpha t^2)$, where α is a constant and t is the time. The constant α

[CBSE AIPMT 1992]

- (a) is dimensionless
- (b) has dimensions $[T^{-2}]$
- (c) has dimensions $[T^2]$
- (d) has dimensions of p

$$[\alpha][t^2] = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$\Rightarrow [\alpha] = M^0 L^0 T^{-2}$$

Ans. (b)

PYQs on Following Subtopic:

To check if a given relation is dimensionally correct or not.

If the capacitance of a nanocapacitor is measured in terms of a unit 'u' made by combining the electric charge 'e', Bohr radius 'a₀', Planck's constant 'h' and speed of light 'c' then

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- (a) $u = \frac{e^2 h}{a_0} \Rightarrow [u] = \left[\frac{e^2}{a_0} \right] = \left[\frac{hc}{a_0} \right]$
- (b) $u = \frac{hc}{e^2 a_0}$
- (c) $u = \frac{e^2 c}{h a_0} \Rightarrow [u] = \left[\frac{e^2 a_0}{hc} \right]$
- (d) $u = \frac{e^2 a_0}{hc}$

Ans. (d)

PYQs on Following Subtopic:

To derive a physical relation if
the dependencies are known.

If dimensions of critical velocity v_c of a liquid flowing through a tube are expressed as $[\eta^x \rho^y r^z]$, where η , ρ and r are the coefficient of viscosity of liquid, density of liquid and radius of the tube respectively, then the values of x , y and z are given by

(a) 1, -1, -1

$$[v_c] = \eta^x \rho^y r^z \quad [CBSE AIPMT 2015]$$

(b) -1, -1, 1

$$\rightarrow M^0 [T^{-1}] = (ML^{-1}T^{-1})^x (ML^{-3})^y (L)^z$$

(c) -1, -1, -1

$$x + y = 0, \quad -x - 3y + z = 1$$

(d) 1, 1, 1

$$-x = -1 \Rightarrow x = 1, y = -1 \rightarrow z = -1$$

Ans. (a)

If energy (E), velocity (v) and time (T) are chosen as the fundamental quantities, the dimensional formula of surface tension will be

[CBSE AIPMT 2015]

(a) $[Ev^{-2}T^{-1}]$

(b) $[Ev^{-1}T^{-2}]$

(c) $[Ev^{-2}T^{-2}]$

(d) $[E^{-2}v^{-1}T^{-3}]$

$$[S] = E^a v^b T^c$$
$$\rightarrow M L^0 T^{-2} = (ML^2 T^{-2})^a (LT^{-1})^b T^c$$

$$a = 1, 2a + b = 0, -2a - b + c = -2$$

$$b = -2$$

~~$$c = -2$$~~

Ans. (c)

The frequency of vibration f of a mass m suspended from a spring of spring constant k is given by a relation of the type $f = Cm^x k^y$, where C is a dimensionless constant. The values of x and y are

$$T^{-1} = M^x (MT^{-2})^y$$

[ICBSE AIPMT 1990]

$$(a) x = \frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(b) x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(c) x = \frac{1}{2}, y = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(d) x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x+y=0$$

$$x=-\frac{1}{2}$$

Ans. (d)

The speed of light (c), gravitational constant (G) and planck's constant (h) are taken as fundamental units in a system. The dimensions of time in this new system should be [2008]

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(a) $G^{1/2} h^{1/2} c^{-5/2}$

(b) $G^{-1/2} h^{1/2} c^{1/2}$

(c) $G^{1/2} h^{1/2} c^{-3/2}$

(d) $G^{1/2} h^{1/2} c^{1/2}$

$$[T] = [G]^x [h]^y [c]^z \Rightarrow T = (M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2})^x (ML^2 T^{-1})^y (LT^{-1})^z$$

$$\Rightarrow -x+y=0, 3x+2y+z=0, -2x-y-2=1 \Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{2}, y=\frac{1}{2}, z=-\frac{5}{2}$$

Ans. (a)

If p represents radiation pressure, c represents speed of light and S represents radiation energy striking unit area per sec. The non-zero integers x, y, z such that

$p^x S^y c^z$ is dimensionless are

$$[S] = \frac{[U]}{[A][T]} = \frac{ML^2 T^{-2}}{L^2 T} = \frac{M L^2 T^{-2}}{L^2 T}$$

$$M(-1T^{-2})^x (MT^{-3})^y (LT^{-1})^z = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

[CBSE AIPMT 1992]

- (a) $x = 1, y = 1, z = 1$
- (b) $x = -1, y = 1, z = 1$
- (c) $x = 1, y = -1, z = 1$
- (d) $x = 1, y = 1, z = -1$

$$x + y = 0$$

$$-x - z = 0$$

Only option (b) is satisfying these equations.

Ans. (c)

A physical quantity of the dimensions of length that can be formed out of c , G and

$\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ is [c is velocity of light, G is universal constant of gravitation and e is charge]

$$F = \frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

$$F = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

[NEET 2017]

- (a) $\frac{1}{c^2} \left[G \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$
- (b) $c^2 \left[G \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{c^2} \left[\frac{e^2}{G 4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$
- (d) $\frac{1}{c} G \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{G e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right) \right]^{1/2} = \frac{L^3 T^{-2}}{L^2 T^{-2}} = L$
- $\left[\frac{G e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2} = \left[G F r^2 \right]^{1/2}$
- $\left[\frac{F^2 r^4}{m_1 m_2} \right]^{1/2} = L^3 T^{-2}$

Ans. (a)

If force (F), velocity (v) and time (T) are taken as fundamental units, then the dimensions of mass are [CBSE AIPMT 2014]

- (a) $[FvT^{-1}]$ (b) $[FvT^{-2}]$ (c) $[Fv^{-1}T^{-1}]$ (d) $[Fv^{-1}T]$

$$[\text{mass}] = \left[\frac{F}{a} \right] = \left[\frac{F}{v/T} \right] = \left[\frac{FT}{v} \right]$$

$$= F v^{-1} T$$

Ans. (d)

PYQs on Following Subtopic:

**Conversion of units from
one system to another**

In a particular system, the unit of length, mass and time are chosen to be 10 cm, 10 g and 0.1 s respectively. The unit of force in this system will be equivalent to

[CBSE AIPMT 1994]

- (a) 0.1 N (b) 1 N (c) 10 N (d) 100 N

Unit of force = n newton $\Rightarrow 1 \text{ M}_1 \text{L}_1 \text{T}_1^{-2} = n \text{ M}_2 \text{L}_2 \text{T}_2^{-2}$

$$\Rightarrow n = \left(\frac{\text{M}_1}{\text{M}_2} \right) \left(\frac{\text{L}_1}{\text{L}_2} \right) \left(\frac{\text{T}_2}{\text{T}_1} \right)^{-2} = \left(\frac{10 \text{ g}}{1000 \text{ g}} \right) \left(\frac{10 \text{ cm}}{100 \text{ cm}} \right) \left(\frac{0.1 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ sec}} \right)^{-2}$$
$$= -1$$

Ans. (a)

“Parsec” is the unit of :

[2005]

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- (a) time
- (b) distance
- (c) frequency
- (d) angular acceleration

Parsec is unit of distance

$$1 \text{ Parsec} = 3.08 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}$$

Ans. (b)

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