

# Units and Dimensions



## Physical Quantities

Fundamental (7) → Total 7

Mass, Length, time, Temperature,  
Luminous Intensity, Current,  
Amount of substance

Derived

Volume, Area, Speed,  
Pressure, Force, etc

## System of Units

SI units  
MKS

cgs

FPS

## Supplementary Units

→ plane angle ,  $\theta = \frac{\text{arc}}{\text{radius}}$  → unit is Radian

→ Solid Angle ,  $\Omega = \frac{\text{Surface Area}}{(\text{Radius})^2}$  → unit is Steradian

## Dimensional Analysis

$\text{J}^1$

$$1 \text{ J} = \underline{\quad} \text{ erg}$$

$$1 \text{ kg } \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} = \alpha \text{ gm } \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \left( \frac{10^3 \text{ gm}}{\text{kg}} \right) \left( \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{\text{m}} \right)^2 = \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 10^7 \quad (\text{Ans})$$

Q) 2

$$g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{min}^2}$$

$$= 10 \left( \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{\text{m}} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{min}^2}{\text{s}^2} \right)^2 = 10^3 \times \left( \frac{60 \text{ s}}{\text{s}} \right)^2$$

$$= 10^3 \times 36 \text{ m} = 36 \times 10^5 = 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ (Ans)}$$

Q) 3  $v = As + \frac{B}{C+ft}$ ,  $B = ?$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{B}{[t^x]} = [L^{-1}] \Rightarrow B = [L^1] \text{ (Ans)}$$

Q) 4  $M \propto V^x g^y g^z \Rightarrow M = C V^x S^y g^z$

$$[M] = [L^1]^\alpha [ML^{-3}]^y [L^{-2}]^z$$

$$\Rightarrow [M] = [L]^{\alpha-3y+z} [t]^{-\alpha-2z} [m]^y$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{On comparing } \rightarrow y=1 \quad | \quad \alpha-3y+z=0 \quad | \quad -\alpha-2z=0$$

On calculating  $\rightarrow$

$$\boxed{\alpha=6, y=1, z=-3}$$

Q) 5  $V \propto f^\alpha u^\gamma$

$$\Rightarrow V = \sqrt{\frac{T}{u}} \Rightarrow \boxed{V = f^{1/2} u^{-1/2}} \text{ (Ans)}$$

Q) 6  $F = A \tilde{B} \sin(Bt)$   $\rightarrow [M L T^{-2}] = A [T^x]$

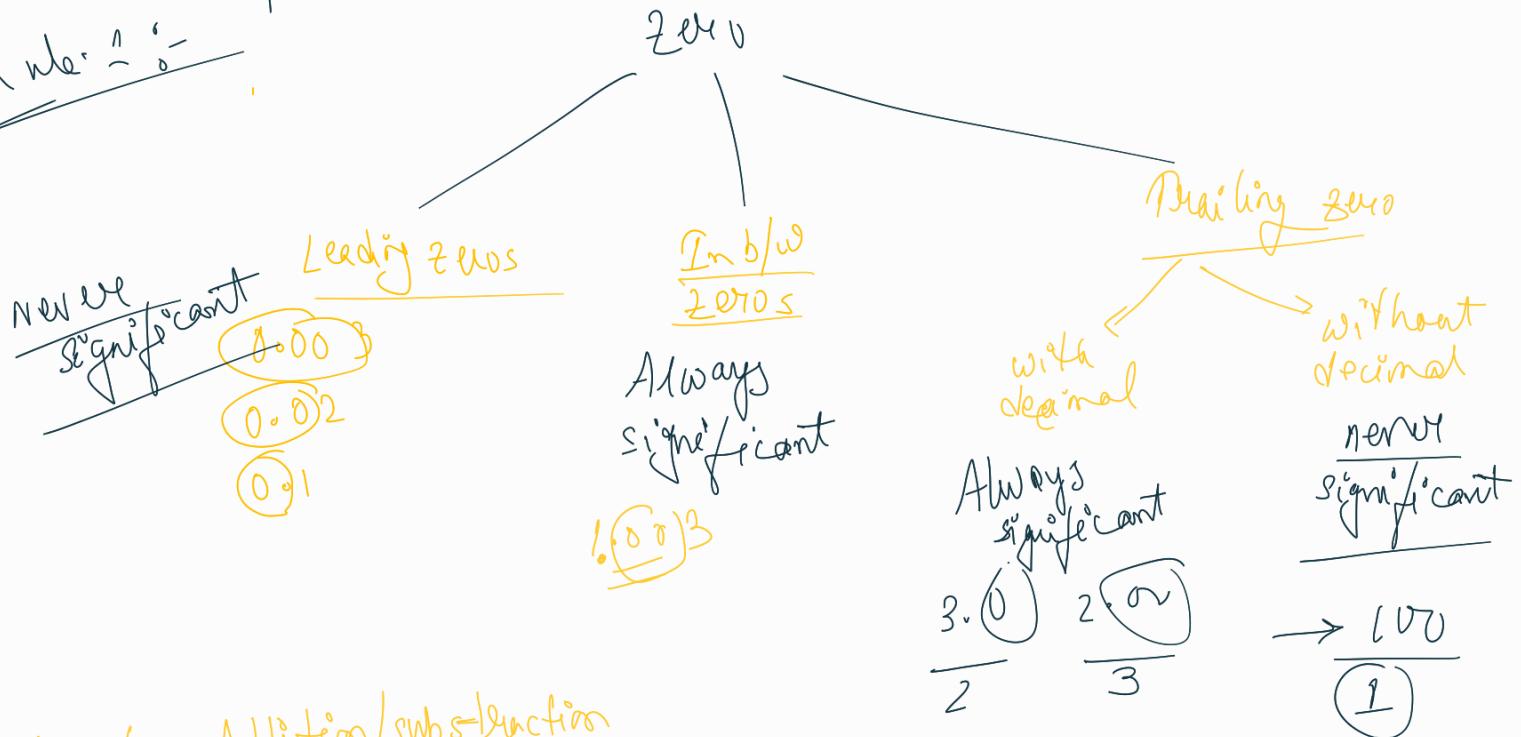
$$\Rightarrow A = [M^1] \text{ (Ans)}$$

## Significant figures

Rule - 1 :-

All non-zero digits are significant.

Rule - 2 :-



## Rules for Addition/Subtraction

In  $+/-$ , we see the digits after decimal.

And the number with least decimal places — will be there in answer.

## Rules for Multiplication/Division $\Rightarrow$

Count the total significant figures and then put the least significant figures in answer.

## Errors

$$\text{Error} = \text{True value} - \text{Measured value}$$

Random Error

Systematic Error

$\Rightarrow$  Error due to machines.

## Calculation of Random Errors

Relative Error  $\rightarrow \frac{\text{Mean Absolute Error}}{\text{True Value}}$

$\therefore$  age error  $\rightarrow \frac{\text{MAE}}{\text{TV}} \times 100$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2.04 \rightarrow -0.03 \\
 \hline
 2.05 \rightarrow -0.04 \\
 \hline
 2.01 \rightarrow 0 \\
 \hline
 1.96 \rightarrow 0.05 \\
 \hline
 1.99 \rightarrow 0.02 \\
 \hline
 \text{Range} = 2.01 \quad \text{MAE} = 0.028
 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \text{Error} = 2.01 \pm 0.028 \quad (\text{Ans})$$

$$R_{\text{avg}} = \text{TV}$$

$$\boxed{\text{FORM} = \text{TV}/R_{\text{avg}} \pm \text{Mean Absolute value}}$$

Q) % error in measurement of 20.12 resistance is 4%.  
Then the resistance  $\rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \% \text{ error} = \frac{\text{MAE}}{\text{TV}} \times 100$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 = \frac{\text{MAE}}{20.1} \times 100$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{MAE} = \frac{4 \times 20.1}{100} = \frac{20.1}{250} \approx 0.08$$

$$\therefore \text{Representation} \rightarrow 20.1 \pm 0.08 \quad (\text{Ans})$$

Q)  $R = (10 \pm 0.2) \Omega$ , %age error = ?

$$\Rightarrow \% \text{ error} = \frac{0.2}{10} \times 100 = 2\% \quad (\text{Ans})$$

Propagation of Error

Add<sup>n</sup>/Subtraction      Multiply or Divide

(1) Add<sup>n</sup>/Subtraction

$$A = a \pm \Delta a$$

$$B = b \pm \Delta b$$

$$A+B = (a+b) \pm (\Delta a + \Delta b)$$

$$A-B = (a-b) \pm (\Delta a - \Delta b)$$

(2) Multiplication/Division

$$A = L \times b$$

$$\frac{\Delta A}{A} = \frac{\Delta L}{L} + \frac{\Delta b}{b}$$

(Q)  $A = 2.5 \text{ m/s} \pm 0.5 \text{ m/s}$   
 $B = 0.10 \text{ s} \pm 0.01 \text{ s}$

$$C = AB = ? \quad 2.5 \times 0.1 = 0.25$$

$$\frac{\Delta C}{C} = \frac{\Delta A}{A} + \frac{\Delta B}{B}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \Delta C &= \left( \frac{0.5 \text{ m/s}}{2.5 \text{ m/s}} + \frac{0.01}{0.10 \text{ s}} \right) \times 0.25 \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{10} \right) 0.25 \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{10} \right) \times 0.25 = 0.08 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

(Ans)

(Q)  $\Delta R\% = 2\%$ .

Error in volume  $\Rightarrow$ ?

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$\therefore \Delta V\% = 3(\Delta R\%)$$

$$= 3 \times 2\% = 6\% \quad (\underline{\text{Ans}})$$

(Q)  $R = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$

$$\Delta l\% = 2\%, \Delta g\% = 4\%.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times 2 + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{2} = 3\% \quad (\underline{\text{Ans}})$$

(Q)  $R = \frac{V}{T}, V = 100 \pm 5$

$$T = 10 \pm 0.2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \left( \frac{\Delta R}{R} \right) \times 100 &= \frac{\Delta V}{V} \times 100 + \frac{\Delta T}{T} \times 100 \\ &= 3\% \times 100 + \frac{0.2}{100} \times 100 \end{aligned}$$

JEE R (Experiments)

$$\text{Q1} \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \Rightarrow T^2 = 4\pi^2 \frac{l}{g} \Rightarrow g = \frac{4\pi^2 l}{T^2}$$

Given:  
Time period for 20 oscillations of the pendulum is

found to be 10 seconds  
using a clock of 1s resolution

$$T = \frac{10 \pm 1}{200}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta g}{g} = \frac{\Delta l}{l} + 2 \left( \frac{\Delta T}{T} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \% g = \% l + 2 (\% T)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \% g &= \frac{0.1}{10} \times 100 + 2 \left( \frac{\Delta T}{T} \times 100 \right) \\ &= 1 + 2 \left( \frac{1}{100} \times 100 \right) \\ &= 3.1 \text{ (Ans)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Q2} \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \Rightarrow T^2 = 4\pi^2 \frac{l}{g} \Rightarrow g = \frac{4\pi^2 l}{T^2}$$

Measured value of L

is 1 m from meter scale having minimum division of 1mm and time of one complete oscillation is 1.95 s measured from stopwatch of 0.01 s resolution.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta g}{g} = \frac{\Delta l}{l} + 2 \left( \frac{\Delta T}{T} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta g}{g} \times 100 &= \left( \frac{\Delta l}{l} \times 100 \right) + 2 \left( \frac{\Delta T}{T} \times 100 \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{10^{-3}}{1} \times 100 \right) + 2 \left( \frac{0.01}{1.95} \times 100 \right) \\ &= 0.1 + \frac{100}{1.95} \\ &= 0.1 + 1.02 = 1.12 \end{aligned}$$

error in  $\underline{\underline{g}}$  (Ans)

$$\text{Q3} \quad z = \frac{a^2 b^{2/3}}{c^{1/2} d^{1/3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \% \text{ error in } z &= 2(\% a) + \frac{2}{3}(\% b) + \frac{1}{2}(\% c) + 3(\% d) \\ &= 2(2) + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \times 4 + 3 \times \frac{2.65}{10} \times 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 + 1 + 2 + 7.05$$

$$= 14.57 \text{ (Ans)}$$

