

### L3

#### APPLY GENERAL PHYSICS

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#### LEARNING UNITS

Unit1. Describe basic measurements in physics

Unit2. Describe motivation in one dimension

Unit3. Analyze motivation in two dimension

Unit4. Demonstrate electrostatic phenomena

Unit5. Apply geometric optics

Unit6. Characterize sources of energy in the world

**Physics** is the natural science that studies matter, its fundamental constituents, its motion and behavior through space and time, and the related entities of energy and force.

**Physics** is one of the most fundamental scientific disciplines, and its main goal is to understand how the universe behaves.

Advances in physics often enable advances in new technologies. For example, advances in the understanding of electromagnetism, solid-state physics, and nuclear physics led directly to the development of new products that have dramatically transformed modern-day society, such as television, computers, domestic appliances, and nuclear weapons; advances in thermodynamics led to the development of industrialization; and advances in mechanics inspired the development of calculus.

#### UNIT1. DESCRIBE BASIC MEASUREMENTS IN PHYSICS

##### 1.1 introduction to basic measurement in physics

**A quantity** may be defined as any observable property or process in nature with which a number may be associated. This number is obtained by the operation of measurements. The number may be obtained directly by a single measurement or indirectly, say for example, by multiplying together two numbers obtained in separate operations of measurement.

**Fundamental quantities** are those quantities that are not defined in terms of other quantities. In physics there are 7 fundamental quantities of measurements namely **length, mass, time, temperature, electric current**, amount of substance and luminous intensity.

#### SI units and symbols

In order to measure any quantity, a standard unit (base unit) of reference is chosen. This system is called the International System of Units (**SI**).

Fundamental quantity	SI Unit	Symbol
1. Length	Metre	m
2. Mass	Kilogram	kg
3. Time	Second	s
4. Temperature	Kelvin	K
5. Electric current	Ampere	A
6. Amount of substance	Moles	mol
7. Luminous Intensity	Candela	cd

At this level we will deal with the 3 fundamental quantity such as **Mass, Length and Time**.

### 1.2 Meaning of fundamental physical quantity

**Mass** is a measure of how much matter there is in an object, Its SI unit is the kilogram, kg while weight is a measure of the size of the pull of gravity on the object.

**Length** is the distance between two points. The SI unit of length is the meter, m. It is measured using a meter rule, tape measure etc.

**Time** is the duration between any two events. Its SI unit is the second, s. It is measured using a clock/watch.

### 1.3 Measure of delivered physical quantity

Quantities which are defined in terms of the fundamental quantities via a system of quantity equations are called derived quantities. Examples of derived quantities include **area, volume, velocity, acceleration, density, weight and force**.

The SI units of derived quantities are obtained from equations using mathematical expressions as follows:

(a) Area (e.g for square objects)=length (m)  $\times$  length (m).

The SI unit of area in symbols is  $\text{m}^2$ .

(b) Volume(e.g for cubic objects)=length (m)  $\times$  length (m)  $\times$  length (m).

The SI unit of volume in symbols is  $\text{m}^3$

(c) Density =  $\frac{\text{mass (kg)}}{\text{volume (m}^3\text{)}}$ . The SI unit of density in symbols is  $\text{kg/m}^3$ .

(d) Velocity =  $\frac{\text{displacement (m)}}{\text{time taken (s)}}$ . The SI unit of velocity in symbols is  $\text{m/s}$ .

(e) Acceleration =  $\frac{\text{change in velocity (m/s)}}{\text{time taken (s)}}$  The SI unit of acceleration in symbols is  $\text{m/s}^2$ .

Weight is the measure of gravitational pull on an object. It always act from the centre of a body downwards in the direction of gravitational acceleration. The SI unit of weight is **newton (N)**.

Weight is measured using a spring balance (See Fig. 3.30)



$$\text{Weight} = \text{mass} \times \text{gravitational field strength}$$
$$w = mg$$

### Differences between mass and weight

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Quantity of matter in a body.	Pull of gravity on a body.
SI unit is kilogram (kg).	SI unit is newton (N).
Constant everywhere.	Changes from place to place.
Scalar quantity.	Vector quantity.
Measured using a beam balance.	Measured using a spring balance.

TABLE 2.1: Difference between mass and weight

## 1.4 International system of units (SI) and Metric prefixes in everyday life

**The International System of Units**, known by the international abbreviation SI in all languages and sometimes pleonastically as the SI system, is the modern form of the metric system and the world's most widely used system of measurement. Established and maintained by the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM), it is the only system of measurement with an official

status<sup>[g]</sup> in nearly every country in the world, employed in science, technology, industry, and everyday commerce.

### What is CGS and MKS in physics?

**MKS** is the system of units based on measuring lengths in meters, mass in kilograms, and time in seconds. MKS is generally used in engineering and beginning physics, where the so-called **CGS system (based on the centimeter, gram, and second)** is commonly used in theoretic physics.

## 1.5 Dimensional Analysis

### 1.5.1 Introduction to Dimensions of Physical Quantities

The dimension of a physical quantity are **the powers to which the fundamental (or base) quantities like mass, length and time etc**, have to be raised to represent the quantity.

The nature of physical quantity is described by nature of its dimensions. When we observe an object, the first thing we notice is the dimensions. In fact, we are also defined or observed with respect to our dimensions that is, height, weight, the amount of flesh etc. The dimension of a body means how it is relatable in terms of base quantities. When we define the dimension of a quantity, we generally define its identity and existence. It becomes clear that everything in the universe has dimension, thereby it has presence.

**There are following uses or advantages of dimensional analysis.**

- To check the correctness of a given relation.
- To derive the relationship between various physical quantities.

- To determine the dimensions of unknown quantities.
- Conversion of one system of units into the other system of units

**The seven fundamental quantities their dimensions.**

Fundamental Quantity	Dimension
Length	L
Mass	M
Time	T
Temperature	K
Electric Current	A
Luminous Intensity	Cd
Amount of substance	mol

Let us consider a physical quantity **Q** which depends on base quantities like length, mass, time, electric current, the amount of substance and temperature, when they are raised to powers a, b, c, d, e, and f. Then dimensions of physical quantity Q can be given as:

$$[Q] = [L^a M^b T^c A^d \text{mol}^e K^f]$$

It is mandatory for us to use [ ] in order to write dimension of a physical quantity. In real life, everything is written in terms of dimensions of mass, length and time. Look out few examples given below:

**1.** The volume of a solid is given is the product of length, breadth and its height. Its dimension is given as:

$$\text{Volume} = \text{Length} \times \text{Breadth} \times \text{Height}$$

$$\text{Volume} = [L] \times [L] \times [L] \text{ (as length, breadth and height are lengths)}$$

$$\text{Volume} = [L]^3$$

As volume is dependent on mass and time, the powers of time and mass will be zero while expressing its dimensions i.e.  $[M]^0$  and  $[T]^0$

$$\text{The final dimension of volume will be } [M]^0[L]^3[T]^0 = [M^0L^3T]$$

**2.** In a similar manner, dimensions of area will be  $[M]^0[L]^2[T]^0$

**3.** Speed of an object is distance covered by it in specific time and is given as:

$$\text{Speed} = \text{Distance} / \text{Time}$$

$$\text{Dimension of Distance} = [L]$$

$$\text{Dimension of Time} = [T]$$

$$\text{Dimension of Speed} = [L]/[T]$$

$$[\text{Speed}] = [L][T]^{-1} = [LT^{-1}] = [M^0LT^{-1}]$$

**4.** Acceleration of a body is defined as rate of change of velocity with respect to time, its dimensions are given as:

$$\text{Acceleration} = \text{Velocity} / \text{Time}$$

$$\text{Dimension of velocity} = [LT^{-1}]$$

$$\text{Dimension of time} = [T]$$

$$\text{Dimension of acceleration will be} = [LT^{-1}]/[T]$$

$$[\text{Acceleration}] = [LT^{-2}] = [M^0LT^{-2}]$$

**5.** Density of a body is defined as mass per unit volume, and its dimension are given as:

$$\text{Density} = \text{Mass} / \text{Volume}$$

$$\text{Dimension of mass} = [M]$$

$$\text{Dimension of volume} = [L^3]$$

$$\text{Dimension of density will be} = [M] / [L^3]$$

$$[\text{Density}] = [ML^{-3}] \text{ or } [ML^{-3}T^0]$$

**6.** Force applied on a body is the product of acceleration and mass of the body

$$\text{Force} = \text{Mass} \times \text{Acceleration}$$

$$\text{Dimension of Mass} = [M]$$

$$\text{Dimension of Acceleration} = [LT^{-2}]$$

$$\text{Dimension of Force will be} = [M] \times [LT^{-2}]$$

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

### **1.5.2 Rules for writing dimensions of a physical quantity**

**We follow certain rules while expression a physical quantity in terms of dimensions, they are as follows:**

- Dimensions are always enclosed in [ ] brackets
- If the body is independent of any fundamental quantity, we take its power to be 0

- When the dimensions are simplified we put all the fundamental quantities with their respective power in single [ ] brackets, for example as in velocity we write  $[L][T]^{-1}$  as  $[LT^{-1}]$
- We always try to get derived quantities in terms of fundamental quantities while writing a dimension.
- Laws of exponents are used while writing dimension of physical quantity so basic requirement is a must thing
- If the dimension is written as it is we take its power to be 1, which is an understood thing
- Plane angle and Solid angle are dimensionless quantity, that is they are independent of fundamental quantities
  - Force,  $[F] = [MLT^{-2}]$
  - Velocity,  $[v] = [LT^{-1}]$
  - Charge,  $(q) = [AT]$
  - Specific heat,  $(s) = [L^2T^2K^{-1}]$
  - Gas constant,  $[R] = [ML^2T^{-2}K^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}]$

### 1.5.3 Variation table for assigning Dimension to Physical Quantities

	Quantity	Definition	Formula	Units	Dimensions
Basic Mechanical	Length	Fundamental	d	m (meter)	L (Length)
	Time	Fundamental	t	s (second)	T (Time)
	Mass	Fundamental	m	kg (kilogram)	M (Mass)
	Area	length <sup>2</sup>	$A = d^2$	m <sup>2</sup>	L <sup>2</sup>
	Volume	length <sup>3</sup>	$V = d^3$	m <sup>3</sup>	L <sup>3</sup>
	Density	$\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$	$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	$\frac{M}{L^3}$
	Velocity	$\frac{\text{length}}{\text{time}}$	$v = \frac{d}{t}$	m/s c (speed of light)	$\frac{L}{T}$
	Acceleration	$\frac{\text{velocity}}{\text{time}}$	$a = \frac{v}{t}$	m/s <sup>2</sup>	$\frac{L}{T^2}$
	Momentum	mass × velocity	$p = m \cdot v$	kg·m/s	$\frac{ML}{T}$

Basic Mechanical	<b>Force</b> Weight	mass × acceleration mass × acceleration of gravity	$F = m \cdot a$ $W = m \cdot g$	N (newton) = $\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}/\text{s}^2$	$\frac{ML}{T^2}$
	<b>Pressure</b>	$\frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}}$	$p = \frac{F}{A}$	Pa (pascal) = $\text{N}/\text{m}^2 = \text{kg}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{s}^2)$	$\frac{M}{LT^2}$
	<b>Energy or Work</b> Kinetic Energy Potential Energy	force × distance $\frac{\text{mass} \times \text{velocity}^2}{2}$ mass × acceleration of gravity × height	$E = F \cdot d$ $K = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ $U = m \cdot g \cdot h$	J (joule) = $\text{N} \cdot \text{m} = \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$	$\frac{ML^2}{T^2}$
	<b>Power</b>	$\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{time}}$	$P = \frac{E}{t}$	W (watt) = $\text{J}/\text{s} = \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}^3$	$\frac{ML^2}{T^3}$
Thermal	<b>Temperature</b>	Fundamental	K	°C (celsius), K (kelvin)	K (Temp.)
	<b>Heat</b>	heat energy	$Q = mc\Delta t$	J (joule) = $\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$	$\frac{ML^2}{T^2}$
Electromagnetic	<b>Electric Charge +/-</b>	Fundamental	Q	C (coulomb) e (elementary charge)	IT or Q(Charge)
	<b>Current</b>	$\frac{\text{velocity}}{\text{time}}$	$i = \frac{q}{t}$	A (amp) = C/s	$I = \frac{Q}{T}$
	<b>Voltage or Potential</b>	$\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{charge}}$	$V = \frac{E}{q}$	V (volt) = J/C	$\frac{ML^2}{IT^3}$
	<b>Resistance</b>	$\frac{\text{voltage}}{\text{current}}$	$R = \frac{V}{i}$	$\Omega$ (ohm) = V/A	$\frac{ML^2}{I^2T^2}$

### 1.5.4 Benefits of Dimensions

Before writing dimensions of a physical quantity, it is must know a thing to understand why do we need dimensions and what are benefits of writing a physical quantity. Benefits of describing a physical quantity are as follows:



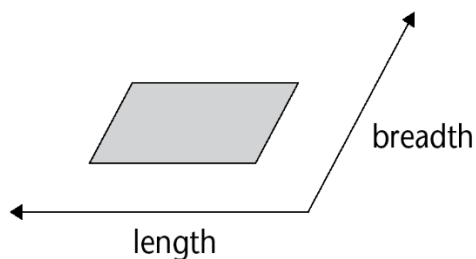
- Describing dimensions help in understanding the relation between physical quantities and its dependence on base or fundamental quantities, that is, how dimensions of a body rely on mass, time, length, temperature etc.
- Dimensions are used in dimension analysis, where we use them to convert and interchange units
- Dimensions are used in predicting unknown formulae by just studying how a certain body depends on base quantities and up to which extent
- It makes measurement and study of physical quantities easier
- We are able to identify or observe a quantity just because of its dimensions
- Dimensions define objects and their existence

### 1.5.5 Limitations of Dimensions

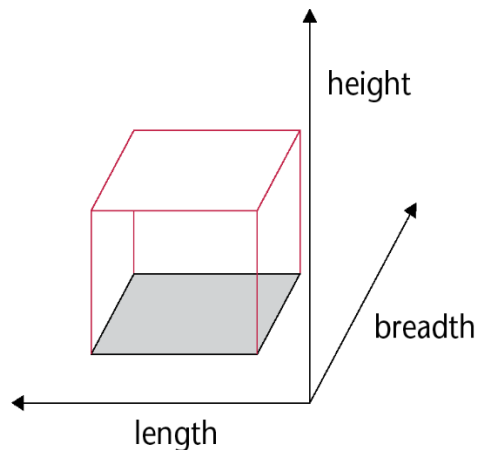
Besides being a useful quantity, there are many limitations of dimensions, which are as follows:

- Dimensions can't be used for trigonometric, logarithmic and exponential functions which have no dimension.
- Dimensions never define exact form of a relation
- We can't find values of certain constants in physical relations with the help of dimensions
- It does not give us any information about the dimensional constants in the formula.
- We cannot find the exact sign of plus or minus connecting two or more terms in relation.
- A dimensionally correct equation may not be the correct equation always

*2D shape: rectangle*



*3D object: rectangular prism*



## 1.6 Sources of errors in measurement of physical quantities

A **measurement** is an observation that has a numerical value and unit. When you measure an object, you compare it with a standard unit. measurement must be expressed by a number and a unit.

**Standard measurement** is an exact quantity that people agree on to be used for comparison or as a reference to measure other quantities. We have three kinds of standards: International standard, Regional standard and National standard.

### experimental Errors

The experimental error can be defined as: “the difference between the observed value and the true value” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary).

#### Materials:

- Tape measure
- Table

#### Procedure:

- Using the tape-measure, measure the length of your table and record the result.
- Repeat the same measurement several times and record the results.
- Compare your findings.

#### Questions:

1. Are your results the same?
2. (If not) What may have caused the differences?
3. Where do you think errors come from?

### 1.6.1 Types of experimental Errors

The uncertainties in the measurement of a physical quantity (errors) in experimental science can be separated into two categories: **random** and **systematic**.

### **1. Random errors**

fluctuate from one measurement to another. They may be due to: poor instrument sensitivity, random noise, random external disturbances, and statistical fluctuations (due to data sampling or counting).

A random error arises in any measurement, usually when the observer has to estimate the last figure possibly with an instrument that lacks sensitivity. Random errors are small for a good experimenter and taking the mean of a number of separate measurements reduces them in all cases.

### **2. Systematic errors**

Systematic errors usually shift measurements in a systematic way. They are not necessarily built into instruments. Systematic errors can be at least minimized by instrument calibration and appropriate use of equipment.

A systematic error may be due to an incorrectly calibrated instrument, for example, a ruler or an ammeter. Repeating the measurement does not reduce or eliminate the error and the existence of the error may not be detected until the final result is calculated and checked, say by a different experimental method. If the systematic error is small a measurement is accurate.

If you do the same thing wrong each time you make the measurement, your measurement will differ systematically (that is, in the same direction each time) from the correct result.

There are two main causes of error: **human** and **instrument**.

**Human error** can be due to mistakes (misreading 22.5cm as 23.0cm) or random differences (the same person getting slightly different readings of the same measurement on different occasions).

#### **For example:**

- the experimenter might consistently read an instrument incorrectly, or might let knowledge of the expected value of a result influence the measurements (Bias of the experimenter)
- incorrect measuring technique: For example, one might make an incorrect scale reading because of parallax error (reading a scale at an angle)
- failure to interpret the printed scale correctly.

**Instrument errors** can be systematic and predictable (a clock running fast or a metal ruler getting longer with a rise in temperature). The judgment of uncertainty in a measurement is called the absolute uncertainty.

#### **For example:**

- errors in the calibration of the measuring instruments.
- zero error (the pointer does not read exactly zero when no measurement is being made).
- the instrument is wrongly adjusted.

### 1.6.2 Calculations of errors

When combining measurements in a calculation, the uncertainty in the final result is larger than the uncertainty in the individual measurements. This is called **propagation of uncertainty** and is one of the challenges of experimental physics. As a calculation becomes more complicated, there is increased propagation of uncertainty and the uncertainty in the value of the final result can grow to be quite large. There are simple rules that can provide a reasonable estimate of the uncertainty in a calculated result:

#### i) Absolute and Relative Errors (Uncertainties)

When reading a scale, it is standard practice to allow an error of one half of a scale division (depending on the scale being used and the operator's eyesight). But as well as the reading being judged there is also the zero setting to be judged and this also has an uncertainty of half of a scale division. So for most instruments the total error for a measurement is  $\pm 1$  scale division.

The case (i), is referred to as the absolute error, the Case (ii), as the relative error (which is often expressed as a percentage). In some other cases it is easier to work with absolute rather than relative errors (and vice-versa), so be familiar with both.

$$\Delta l = |l_0 - l|$$

where the vertical bars denote the **absolute value**.

$$\text{If } l_0 \neq 0 \text{ the relative error is } \Delta l = \frac{|l_0 - l|}{|l_0|}$$

$$\text{and the percent error is } \Delta l = \frac{|l_0 - l|}{|l_0|} \times 100\%$$

The percent uncertainty is simply the ratio of the uncertainty to the measured value, multiplied by 100.

$l_0$  is an approximate value

$l$  is an Exact value

**Example 1.** If the measurement is 5.2 and the uncertainty is 0.1 cm, the percent uncertainty is:

$$\Delta L\% = \frac{0.1}{5.2} \times 100 = 2\%$$

**Example 2.** You measure the length of the object to be 10.2cm, with an absolute error of 0.2cm; the length the object will then be reported as  $(10.2 \pm 0.2)$  cm.

The percentage error is then given by:

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L} \times 100 = \frac{0.2}{10.2} \times 100 = 1.961\%$$

In experimental measurements, the uncertainty in a measurement value is not specified explicitly. In such cases, the uncertainty is generally estimated to be half units of the last digit specified. For example, if a length is given as 5.2cm, the uncertainty is estimated to be 0.5mm.

## ii) Significant figures of measurements

No quantity can be measured exactly. All measurements are approximations. A digit that was actually measured is called a **significant digit**. Significant digits may be shown on measuring devices (rulers, meters, etc.) as tick marks or displayed digits, although you can't always be sure. The number of significant digits is called **precision**. It tells us how precise a measurement is— how close to exact. For example, if you say that the length of an object is 0.428 m, you imply an uncertainty of about 0.001m.

If a quantity is written properly, all the digits are significant except place holding zeroes. The significant figures (also called significant digits and abbreviated sig figs, sign. figs or sig digs) of a number are those digits that carry meaning contributing to its precision.

**Significant figures** in a measurement are the digits in the measurement which are obtained from the instrument with certainty together with the first digit which is uncertain (estimate).

## iii) The rules for identifying significant digits

The rules for identifying significant digits when writing or interpreting numbers are as follows:

●● All non-zero digits are considered significant. For example, 91 has two significant figures (9 and 1), while 123.45 has five significant figures (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5).

●● Zeros appearing anywhere between two non-zero digits (trapped zeroes) are significant. Example: 101.12 has five significant figures: 1, 0, 1, 1 and 2.

●● Leading zeros (zeroes that precede all non-zero digits) are not significant. For example, 0.00052 has two significant figures: 5 and 2. Leading zeroes are always placeholders (never significant). For example, the three zeroes in the quantity 0.002 m are just placeholders to show where the decimal point goes. They were not measured. We could write this length as 2 mm and the zeroes would disappear.

●● Trailing zeros (zeros that are at the right end of a number) in a number containing a decimal point are significant. For example, 12.2300 has six significant figures: 1, 2, 2, 3, 0 and 0. The number 0.000122300 still has only six significant figures (the zeros before the 1 are not significant). In addition, 120.00 has five significant figures. This convention clarifies the precision of such numbers; for example, if a result accurate to four decimal places is given as 12.23 then it might be understood that only two decimal places of accuracy are available. Stating the result as 12.2300 makes it clear that it is accurate to four decimal places.

●● The significance of trailing zeros in a number not containing a decimal point can be ambiguous. For example, it may not always be clear if a number like 1300 is accurate to the nearest unit (and just happens coincidentally to be an exact multiple of a hundred) or if it is only shown to the nearest hundred due to rounding or uncertainty. Various conventions exist to address this issue:

○○ A bar may be placed over the last significant digit; any trailing zeros following this are insignificant. For example,  $\overline{1300}$  has three significant figures (and hence indicates that the number is accurate to the nearest ten).

○○ The last significant figure of a number may be underlined; for example, “20000” has two significant figures.

○○ A decimal point may be placed after the number; for example, “100.” indicates specifically that three significant figures are meant.

#### iv) **Rounding off numbers**

**Rounding off** means a number is made simpler by keeping its value intact but closer to the next number. It is done for whole numbers, and for decimals at various places of hundreds, tens, tenths, etc.

##### **Questions:**

- Round off your result to 2 decimal places The concept of significant figures is often used in connection with rounding. For example, the population of a city might only be known to the nearest thousand and be stated as 52,000, while the population of a country might only be known to the nearest million and be stated as 52,000,000. When we compute with measured figures, we often round off numbers so that they will show the precision or accuracy that is appropriate.

In rounding off, we drop digits or replace digits with zeros to make numerals easier to use and interpret. Instead of saying 45,125 people attended the football match last Sunday; we would probably round the value to 45,000 people. When we replace digits with zeros by rounding off, the zeros are not significant. In rounding off a number, the digits dropped must be replaced by ‘place holding’ zeros.

The following rules will be found useful when rounding off figures:

●● If the first of the digits to be dropped (reading from left to right) is 1, 2, 3 or 4, simply replace all dropped digits with the appropriate number of zeros. For example, 57,384 rounded off to the nearest thousands becomes 57,000.

●● If the first of the digits to be dropped (reading from left to right) is 6, 7, 8 or 9, increase the preceding digit by 1. For e.g., 5,383 rounded off to the nearest hundred becomes 5,400.

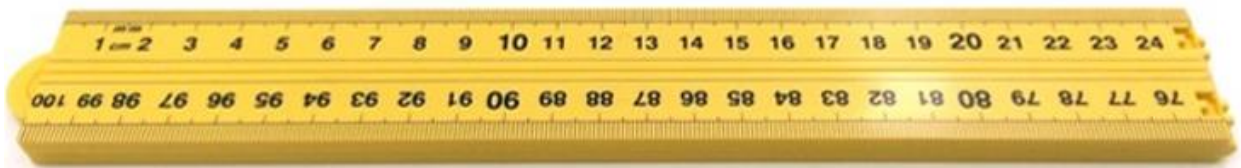
●● If only one digit is to be dropped and this digit is 5, increase the preceding digit by 1 if it is odd, and leave it unchanged if it is even. Thus, if 685 is to be rounded off to the nearest tens it becomes 680, while 635 rounded off to the nearest tens becomes 640.

●● If a decimal fraction is rounded off, zeros should not replace the digits that are to the right of the decimal, because zeros to the right of a decimal are significant. For example, 73.2 rounded off to one significant figure becomes 70 and not 70.0 to the nearest tens.

## 1.7 Measuring instrument used to measure length

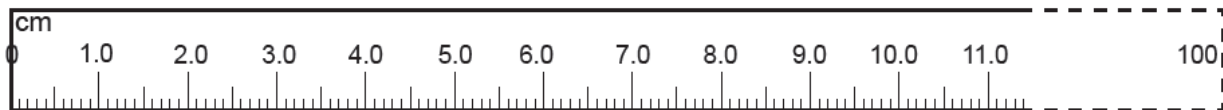
### i) Meter stick

is **either a straightedge or foldable ruler used to measure length**, and is especially common in the construction industry. They are often made of wood or plastic, and often have metal or plastic joints so that they can be folded together.

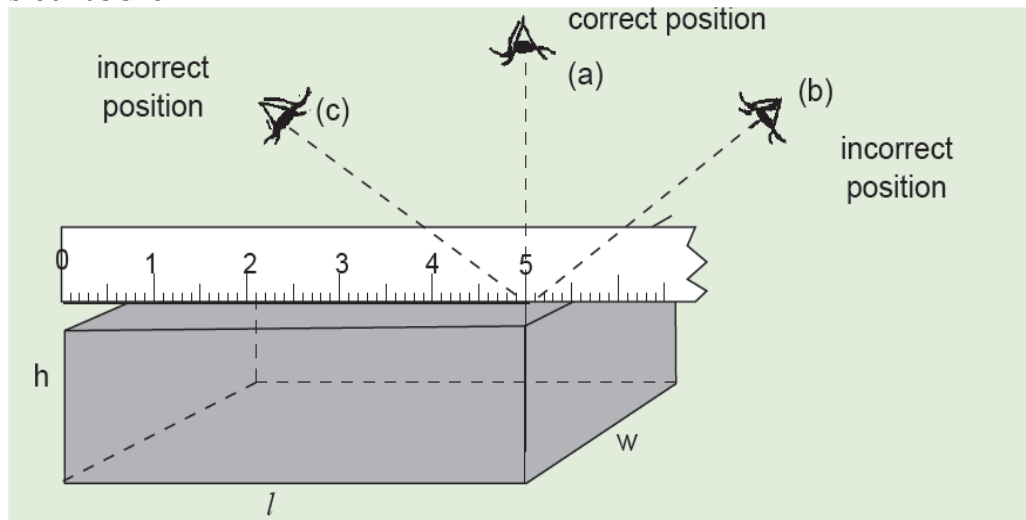


### ii) Meter rule

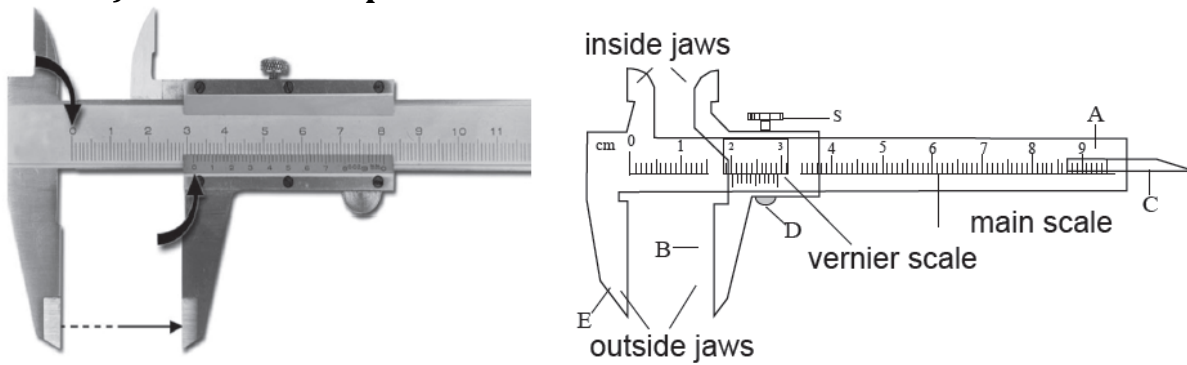
Straight distances which are less than one metre in length are generally measured using *metre rules*. Metre rules are graduated in *millimetres (mm)*. Each division on the scale represents 1 mm unit.



While measuring using meter ruler, Position your eyes vertically above at the other end of the block as shown in



### iii) Vernier calipers



The caliper consists of a steel rigid frame **A**, onto which a linear scale is engraved. This scale is called the *main scale* and it is calibrated in centimeters and millimeters. It has a fixed jaw **E** at one end and a sliding jaw **B** centrally aligned by a thin flat bar **C**. The spring-loaded button **D** is used to prevent the sliding jaw from moving unnecessarily. The sliding jaw carrying a Vernier scale can move along the main scale and can be fixed in any position along the main scale by screw **S**. The outside jaws are used to take external length measurements of objects. The inside jaws are used to take internal length measurement of an object. The sliding flat bar **C** is used to find the depth of blind holes.

The vernier scale has a length of 9 mm. It is divided into ten equal divisions.

### iv) Micrometer screw gauge

A micrometer screw gauge is an instrument for measuring very short length such as the diameters of wires, thin rods, thickness of a paper etc. It was first made by an astronomer called *William Gascoigne* in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

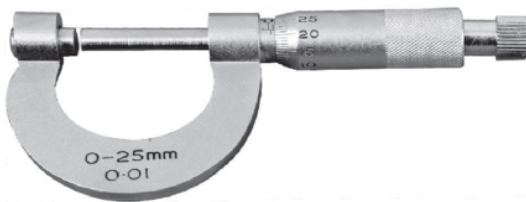


Fig. 1.18(a): Micrometer screw gauge

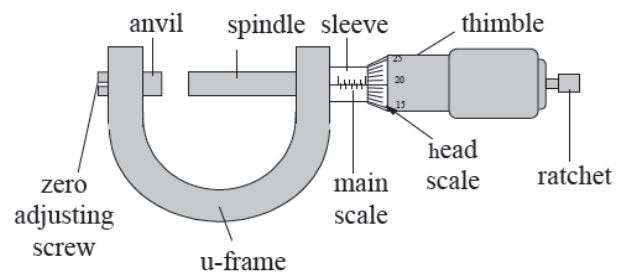


Fig. 1.18: (b) Parts of a micrometer screw gauge

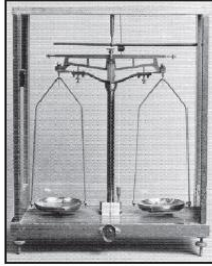
A micrometer screw gauge consists of the following:

- **U-frame** which holds an *anvil* at one end and a *spindle* at the other end.
- **Sleeve**, which has a linear *main scale* (*sleeve scale*) marked in millimetres or halve millimetres.
- **Thimble**, which has a circular rotating scale that is calibrated from 0 to either 50 or 100 divisions. This scale is called the *head scale* (*thimble scale*). When the thimble is rotated, the spindle can move either forward or backwards.
- **Ratchet** which prevents the operator from exerting too much pressure on the object to be measured.
- **Zero adjusting screw** that is used to clear zero errors.



## 1.8 Measuring instrument used to measure mass

There are many kinds of balances used for measuring mass



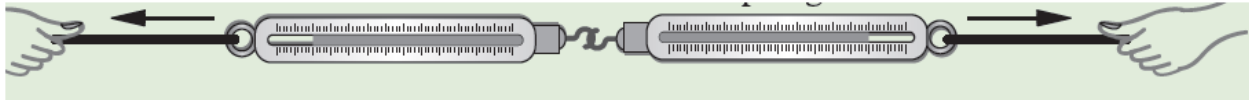
(a) beam balance



(b) traditional pan balance



(c) electronic balance



## Spring Balance

## 1.9 Measuring instrument used to measure time

### ➤ Stop watch

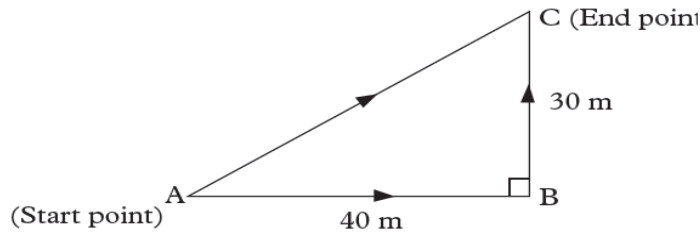
## UNIT 2: DESCRIBE MOTION IN ONE DIMENSION

### 2.1 Displacement and Distance

**Distance** is the total length of the path followed by an object, regardless of the direction of motion. It is a scalar quantity and measured in units of length. The *SI unit* of distance is the *metre* (*m*). Long distances may be measured in kilometres (km) while short distances may be measured in centimetres (cm) or millimetres (mm).

**Displacement** is the object's overall change in position from the starting to the end point. It is the shortest distance along a straight line between two points in the direction of motion. The *SI unit* of displacement is the *metre* (*m*).

**Examples:** Suppose a boat starts at point A moves 40 km East to point B followed by 30 m North to point C as shown



We can determine its distance and displacement covered as follows:

$$\text{Distance} = AB + BC = 40 \text{ m} + 30 \text{ m} = 70 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Displacement} = AC = \sqrt{AB^2 + BC^2} = \sqrt{40^2 + 30^2} = 50 \text{ m}.$$

## 2.2 Speed and Velocity

**Speed** is the distance *moved by a body per unit time is called speed*. In this motion, direction is not considered. Thus,

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{distance moved}}{\text{time taken}} \quad \text{The SI unit of speed is metres per second (m/s).}$$

### Example 2.1

What is the speed of a racing car in metres per second if the car covers 360 km in 2 hours?

#### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Speed} &= \frac{\text{distance moved}}{\text{time taken}} \\ &= \frac{360 \text{ km}}{2 \text{ h}} \\ &= 180 \text{ km/h} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OR} \quad \text{Speed} &= \frac{\text{distance moved}}{\text{time taken}} \\ &= \frac{360 \times 1000 \text{ m}}{2 \times 3600} \\ &= 50 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

**Velocity** is also defined *as the displacement covered per unit time or the rate of change of displacement*.

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time taken}} \quad \text{The SI unit of velocity is metres per second (m/s).}$$

## 2.3 Average and Instantaneous Acceleration

**Average acceleration** is the change of velocity over a period of time. Instantaneous acceleration is the change of velocity over an instance of time.

**Instantaneous acceleration**  $a(t)$  is a continuous function of time and gives the acceleration at any specific time during the motion.

$$\text{Acceleration} = \frac{\text{Change in velocity}}{\text{Time taken}} \quad \text{SI unit is m/s}^2$$

### Example

A car accelerates from rest to a velocity of 20 m/s in 5 s. Thereafter, it decelerates to a rest in 8 s. Calculate the acceleration of the car (a) in the first 5 s, (b) in the next 8 s.

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) Acceleration} &= \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time taken}} \\ &= \frac{\text{final velocity} - \text{initial velocity}}{\text{time taken}} \\ &\quad (\text{rest means velocity is zero}) \\ &= \frac{(20 - 0 \text{ m/s})}{5 \text{ s}} \\ &= 4 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) Acceleration} &= \frac{\text{final velocity} - \text{initial velocity}}{\text{time taken}} \\ &= \frac{(0 - 20) \text{ m/s}}{8 \text{ s}} \\ &= \frac{-20 \text{ m/s}}{8 \text{ s}} = -2.5 \text{ m/s}^2 \\ &\quad \text{or deceleration of } 2.5 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

## 2.4 Slope and General Relationship

**Rise** means how many units you move up or down from point to point. On the graph that would be a change in the y values.

**Run** means how far left or right you move from point to point.

**Slope Numerical measure of a line's inclination relative to the horizontal.** In analytic geometry, the slope of any line, ray, or line segment is the ratio of the vertical to the horizontal distance between any two points on it (“slope equals **rise over run**”).

**Intercept:** The point where the line or curve crosses the axis of the graph is called intercept. If a point crosses the x-axis, then it is called the x-intercept. If a point crosses the y-axis, then it is called the y-intercept.

**Equation of a straight line** is the common relation between the x-coordinate and y-coordinate of any point on the line. Note: The coordinates of any point on the straight line satisfy the equation of the line. Let the equation of a straight line  $y = 5x - 2$ .

### Average speed

Average speed of a body is the total distance covered by the body over the total time taken

$$\text{Average speed} = \frac{\text{Total distance moved}}{\text{Total time taken}}$$

**Example:** Table shows the data collected to study the motion of cyclist.

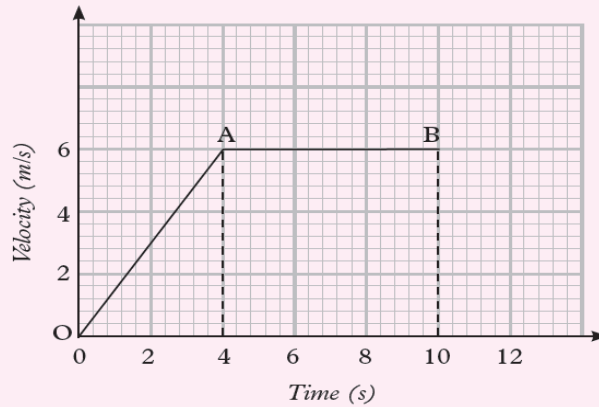
Velocity m/s	0	3	6	6	6	6
Time (s)	0	2	4	6	8	10

(a) Plot a graph of velocity (y-axis) against time (x-axis).

(b) Use your graph to determine the acceleration of the cyclist in the first four seconds

### Solutions

(a)



(b) Acceleration = slope of the graph

$$= \frac{\text{Change in velocity}}{\text{Change in time}}$$

$$= \frac{(6 - 0) \text{ m/s}}{(4 - 0) \text{ s}} = \frac{6 \text{ m/s}}{4 \text{ s}}$$

$$= 1.5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

## UNIT 3 ANALYSE MOTION IN TWO DIMENSION

### 3.1 Scalar, Vector and their properties

#### Scalar

A quantity that has magnitude but no particular direction is described as **scalar**.

#### Properties of Scalar

- Scalar product is commutative.
- Scalar product of two mutually perpendicular vectors is zero.
- Scalar product of two parallel vectors are equal to the product of their magnitudes.
- Self-product of a vector is equal to square of its magnitude.

#### Operation of Scalar

Perform several Scalar operations on the following vector:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= 2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{B} &= 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 12\mathbf{k} \\ A &= \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-2)^2 + (1)^2} = 3 \\ B &= \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2 + B_z^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2 + (12)^2} = 13\end{aligned}$$

Multiply each entry in the matrix by the given scalar.

Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 9 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 3 & 2 \cdot 7 \\ 2 \cdot 9 & 2 \cdot 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 14 \\ 18 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Vector

A quantity that has magnitude and acts in a particular direction is described as **vector**.

### Properties of Vector

- Two vector are equal if they have the same magnitude and same direction
- Any vector can be moved parallel to itself without being affected
- Relevant for vector algebra (like subtracting vector)

### Operation on Vector

Given  $u = \langle 2, 3 \rangle$  and  $v = \langle -1, 4 \rangle$ ,  
find a.)  $2u$ , b.)  $2u + v$ , c.)  $v - 3u$

a.)  $2 \cdot u = 2 \langle 2, 3 \rangle = \langle 4, 6 \rangle$

b.)  $2 \cdot u + v = \langle 4, 6 \rangle + \langle -1, 4 \rangle = \langle 3, 10 \rangle$

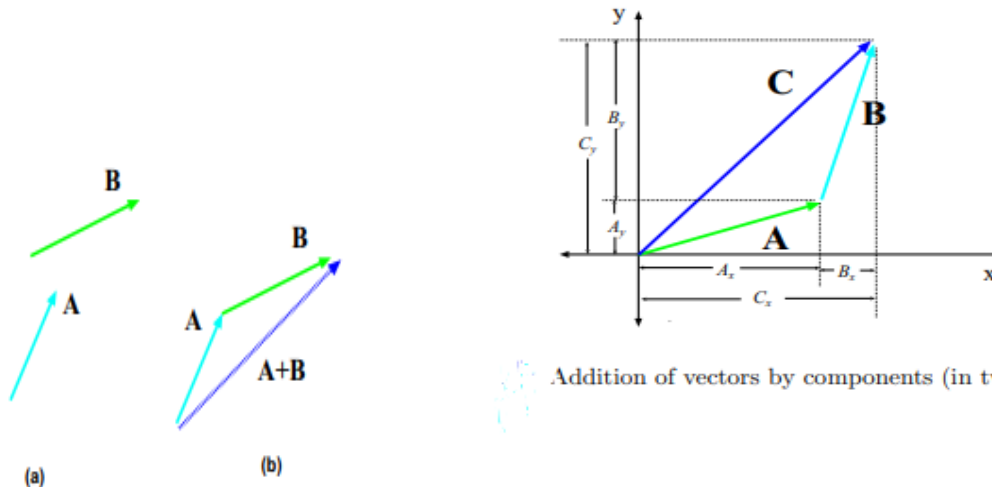
c.)  $v - 3u$

## 3.2 Vector Component in Cartesian Coordinate System

**Position vector**, straight line having one end fixed to a body and the other end attached to a moving point and used to describe the position of the point relative to the body.

Many of the quantities we encounter in physics have both magnitude (“how much”) and direction. These are vector quantities. the sum of two (or more) vectors is often called the resultant. We can add vectors in any order we want:  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}$ . We say that vector addition is “commutative”.

We express vectors in component form using the unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$ , which each have magnitude 1 and point along the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  axes of the coordinate system, respectively.



Addition of vectors by components (in two dimensions).

Any vector can be expressed as a sum of multiples of these basic vectors; for example, for the vector  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  we would write:

$$\mathbf{A} = A_x\mathbf{i} + A_y\mathbf{j} + A_z\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = B_x\mathbf{i} + B_y\mathbf{j} + B_z\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = (A_x + B_x)\mathbf{i} + (A_y + B_y)\mathbf{j} + (A_z + B_z)\mathbf{k}$$

In terms of its components, the magnitude (“length”) of a vector  $\mathbf{A}$  (which we write as  $A$ ) is given by:

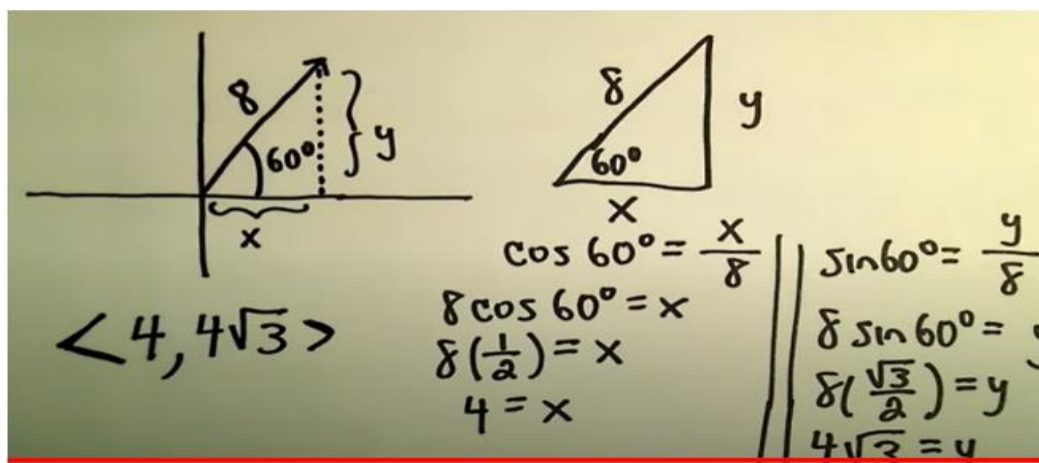
$$A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a two-dimensional vector and  $\theta$  as the angle that  $\mathbf{A}$  makes with the  $+x$  axis measured counter-clockwise then we can express this vector in terms of components  $A_x$  and  $A_y$  or in terms of its magnitude  $A$  and the angle  $\theta$ . These descriptions are related by:

$$\begin{aligned} A_x &= A \cos \theta & A_y &= A \sin \theta \\ A &= \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2} & \tan \theta &= \frac{A_y}{A_x} \end{aligned}$$

### Example

What are the  $x$  and  $y$  components of a vector with magnitude of 8 and at the angle  $60^\circ$  from the origin?



### 3.3 Displacement in two dimension

#### 3.3.1 Subtraction of Vector

Given that  $A(2, 1)$ ,  $B(4, 4)$  and  $C(6, 7)$ , find  $\overrightarrow{AC}$  in terms of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{BC}$ .

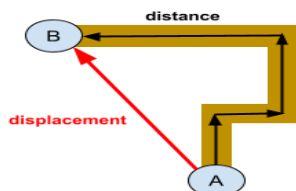
**Solution**

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = (2, 3) \text{ and } \overrightarrow{BC} = (2, 3)$$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = (4, 6) = 2(2, 3) = 2\overrightarrow{AB} = 2\overrightarrow{BC}.$$

### 3.5 Velocity in two Dimension

**Average speed and average velocity** are expressed in the same units; they are different concepts. **Average speed** considers distance, while **average velocity** considers displacement.



$$\bar{v} = \frac{v_i + v_f}{2}$$

$\bar{v}$  is the average Velocity

$V_i$  = initial velocity

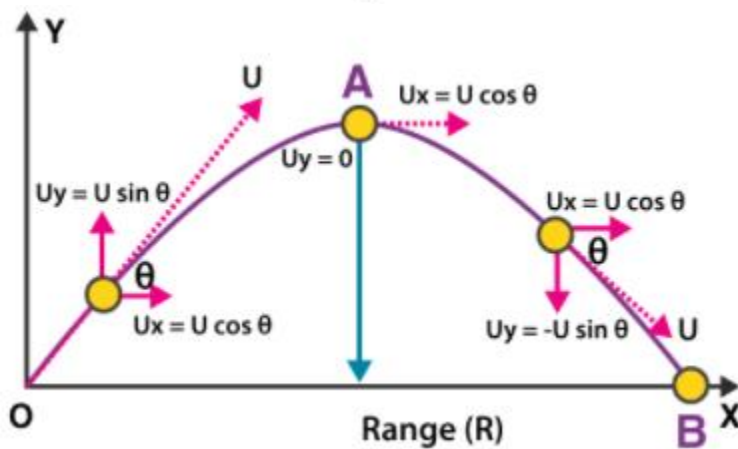
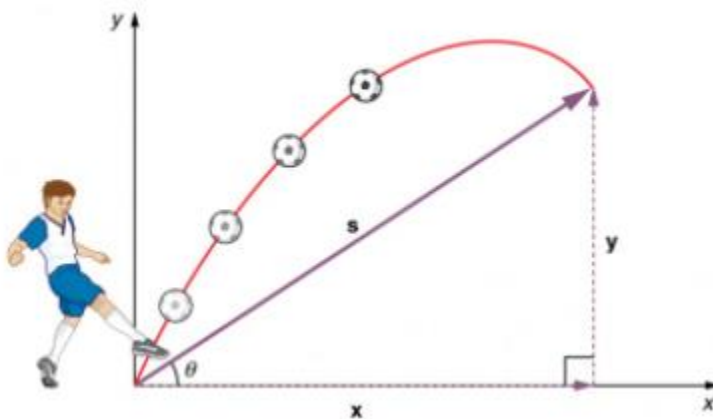
$V_f$  = final velocity

**Average velocity** is defined as the change in position or displacement ( $\Delta x$ ) divided by the time intervals ( $\Delta t$ ) in which the displacement occurs. The average velocity can be positive or negative depending upon the sign of the displacement.

**Instantaneous velocity** is the velocity of an object in motion at a specific point in time. This is determined similarly to average velocity, but we narrow the period of time so that it approaches zero.

### 3.7 Projectile Motion

We can **define a projectile** as anybody thrown into space/air. The path taken is called a trajectory. The motion of a projectile unless taken otherwise is a free motion under gravity. We assume that air resistance is negligible in this kind of motion.





## REVIEW OF KINEMATIC EQUATIONS

$$x = x_0 + \bar{v}t$$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{v_0 + v}{2}$$

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$$

$$x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$$

*Resolve or break the motion into horizontal and vertical components along the x- and y-axes.* These axes are perpendicular, so  $A_x = A \cos \theta$  and  $A_y = A \sin \theta$  are used. The magnitude of the components of displacement  $\mathbf{s}$  along these axes are  $x$  and  $y$ . The magnitudes of the components of the velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  are  $V_x = V \cos \theta$  and  $V_y = v \sin \theta$  where  $v$  is the magnitude of the velocity and  $\theta$  is its direction, as shown in 2. Initial values are denoted with a subscript 0, as usual.

## UNIT 4: DEMONSTRATE ELECTROSTATIC PHENOMENA

### 4.0 Introduction to electrostatic

**Electric charge:** is the physical property of matter that causes it to experience a force when placed in an electromagnetic field. Electric charge can be positive or negative (commonly carried by protons and electrons respectively). Like charges repel each other and unlike charges attract each other.

**SI unit:** coulomb (C)

The study of static charges is called **electrostatics**. There are two types of static charges: **positive charges** and **negative charges**.

*A body is said to be negatively charged if it has an excess or surplus of electrons. It is said to be positively charged if it has a deficiency or shortage of electrons.*

**Elementary charge:** is the electrical charge carried by a single electron.

**Point charge:** an electric charge considered to exist at a single point, and thus having neither area nor volume.

#### Sign and magnitude of electric charge

Magnitude of electric charge on a single electron is  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  coulomb.

**the magnitude of the electric field (E)** produced by a point charge with a charge of magnitude Q, at a point a distance r away from the point charge, is given by the equation  $E = kQ/r^2$ , where k is a constant with a value of  $8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2/\text{C}^2$ .

#### The law of electrostatics.

*States that like charges repel and unlike charges attract.*

### 4.1 Electrification (Charging) Method

**1. Electrification by contact:** When a positively charged glass rod is brought in contact to the conductor, it neutralizes the negative charges on the conductor and repel the positive charge away from the side of the glass rod,

When the positively charged glass rod is removed (contact broken), the positive charges on the conductor repel each other and spread throughout its body, hence the conductor becomes positively charged.

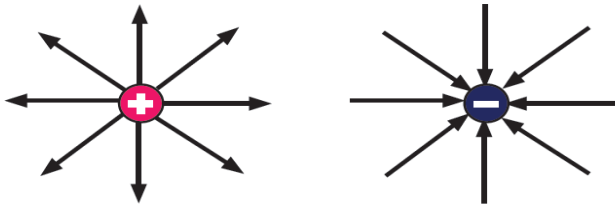
**2. Electrification by induction:** When the rod was brought near the insulated conductor, the negative charges on the conductor were attracted while the positive ones were repelled. The process is called electrostatic induction.

**3. Charging by friction method:** includes rubbing one particle against another, causing electrons to move from one surface to the next.

## Electrostatic field

In general field produced by electric charge is called electric field but when electric field is produced by stationary charge it is called electrostatic field.

**Electric field lines:** is the electric field around a charged object which represented by lines showing the direction in which the electrostatic forces act.



**Electric field strength (E)** is defined as the force per unit charge.

$$E = \frac{F}{Q}$$

Where Q is the charge, and F is the force acting on the charge. Its SI units are NC or NC<sup>-1</sup>.

### 4.2 Coulomb's law

*Two electrically charged bodies experience an attractive or repulsive force F, which is inversely proportional to the square of the distance(d) between them and directly proportional to the product of their electric charges Q<sub>1</sub> and Q<sub>2</sub>, that is:*

$$F = k \frac{Q_1 \cdot Q_2}{d^2}$$

Where, the constant,  $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon}$

and is equal to  $8.988 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2\text{C}^{-2}$ . A convenient value of  $9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2\text{C}^{-2}$  is sometimes used for charges in free space.

Force is in newtons (N), the charges in coulombs(C) and distance (d) in metres (m).

Coulomb (C) can also be expressed as:

1 coulomb =  $10^{-6}$  micro coulombs

1 coulomb =  $10^{-9}$  nano coulombs

### Example 1.

Suppose two point charges each with a charge of +1.0 C are separated by a distance of 1m. Determine the magnitude of the electrostatic force between them. Is the force attractive or repulsive? ( $k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$ ).

#### Data given

$$Q_1 = +1.0 \text{ C}, Q_2 = +1.0 \text{ C}, d = 1 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Since, } F = k \frac{Q_1 \cdot Q_2}{d^2} = \frac{9 \times 10^9 \times 1.0 \times 1.0}{1^2} \text{ then,}$$

$$F = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N. The force is repulsive since it is from two similar charges.}$$

## 4.3 Capacitor

**Capacitor:** a device used to store an electric charge, consisting of one or more pairs of conductors separated by an insulator.

**Capacitance:** the ability of a system to store an electric charge.

### parallel plate capacitor

are **formed by an arrangement of electrodes and insulating material or dielectric**. A parallel plate capacitor can only store a finite amount of energy before dielectric breakdown occurs.

The governing equation for capacitor design is:  $C = \epsilon A/d$ , In this equation, C is capacitance;  $\epsilon$  is permittivity, a term for how well dielectric material stores an electric field; A is the parallel plate area; and d is the distance between the two conductive plates

### Effective capacitance for capacitor network

When capacitors are connected in parallel, the total capacitance is **the sum of the individual capacitors' capacitances**. If two or more capacitors are connected in parallel, the overall effect is that of a single equivalent capacitor having the sum total of the plate areas of the individual capacitors.

#### Parallel Capacitances

$$C_{\text{total}} = C_1 + C_2 + \dots C_n$$

#### Series Capacitor

$$\frac{1}{C_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$

To find the charge stored in capacitor.

$$Q = CV$$

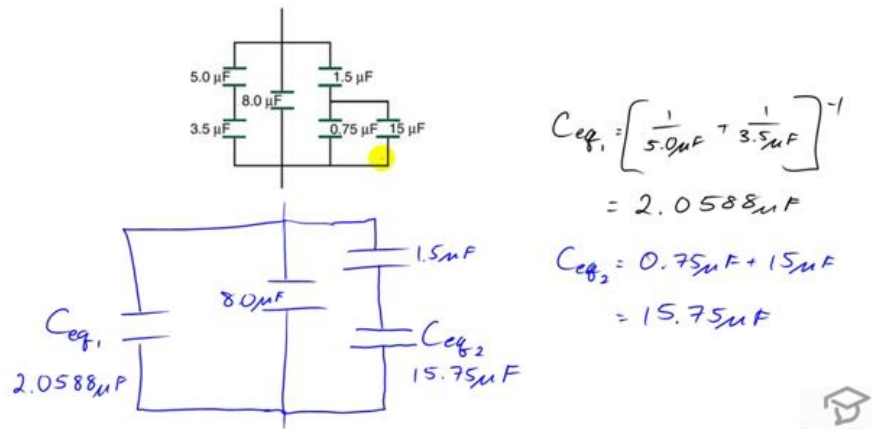
## Exercises

1. What charge is stored in a **180.0-μF** capacitor when 120.0 V is applied to it?

$$Q = CV = 180.0\text{-}\mu\text{F} * 120.0\text{ V}$$

$$=$$

2. Find the equivalent Capacitance of the combination of series and parallel capacitors shown below.



## Calculation of the energy stored in a capacitor

$$E = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$$

## Examples of electrostatic phenomena

- **Electrostatic discharge:** is the release of static electricity when two objects come into contact.
- **Lightning arrestor:** is a device used on electric power transmission and telecommunication systems to protect the insulation and conductors of the system from the damaging effects of lightning.
- **Paint spraying:** is a painting technique in which a device sprays coating material (paint, ink, varnish, etc.) through the air onto a surface.
- **Photocopies machine:**

## Effect of electrostatic field on moving charge

- **Charge deflection:** is the way for modifying the path of a beam of charged particles by the use of an electric field applied transverse to the path of the particles.

- **Charge acceleration:** Positive charges accelerate in the direction of the field and negative charges accelerate in a direction opposite to the direction of the field. A moving charged particle produces a magnetic field.

### **Gauss'law**

Gauss Law states that “**the total electric flux out of a closed surface is equal to the charge enclosed divided by the permittivity**”. The electric flux in an area is defined as the electric field multiplied by the area of the surface projected in a plane and perpendicular to the field.

## **UNIT 5: APPLY GEOMETRIC OPTIC**

### **5.0 Introduction**

**Optics:** is the study of the behavior and physical properties of light. This has led to development of various optical devices like the lenses that are used in cameras by people with eye defects, projectors, microscopes, telescope, fibre optics among others.

**Geometrical optics:** is a model of optics that describes light propagation in terms of rays.

The ray in geometric optics is an abstraction useful for approximating the paths along which light propagates under certain circumstances.

**Light:** the natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible.

- **Natural light:** the light from the sun. Natural lighting, also known as **daylighting**, is a technique that efficiently brings natural light into your home using exterior glazing (windows, skylights, etc.)
- **Source light:** is anything that makes light, whether natural and artificial. Natural light sources include the Sun and stars.

### **5.1 Fermat principle**

**Fermat's principle**, in optics, statement that light traveling between two points seeks a path such that the number of waves (the optical length between the points) is equal, in the first approximation, to that in neighboring paths.

### 5.1.1. Sources of light

#### (a) Luminous sources of light

These are sources (objects) that emit (give out) their own light.

Examples of non-living luminous objects are **sun, stars, fire**, candle flame and electric bulb.

Examples of living things that are luminous objects are **fireflies and glow worm**.

#### (b) Non-luminous sources of light

These are objects that do not emit (give out) their own light. We get to see these objects when they reflect the light falling on them from luminous source onto our eyes.

The moon is a good example of a non-living thing that is non-luminous source of light. Others are a wall and a car. Examples of a living things that are non-luminous sources are trees and animals.

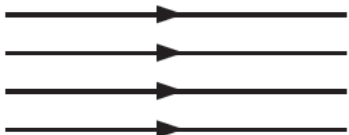
### 5.1.2 Propagation of light

#### Rays and beams

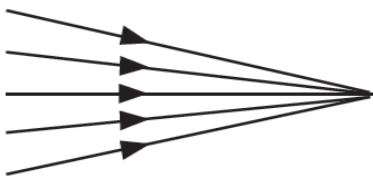
*A ray of light is the path along which light travels in a medium.*

*A beam of light is a collection or group of light rays. There are three types of beam of light rays.*

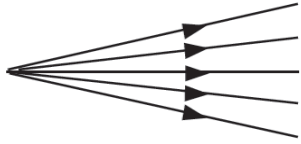
**(a) Parallel beam:** consists of rays that are parallel to one another



**(b) Convergent beam:** consists of rays of light that meet at a point



**(c) Divergent beam:** consists of rays of light originating from a point source and diverge (spread) to different directions.



**Reflection:** the throwing back by a body or surface of light, heat, or sound without absorbing it.

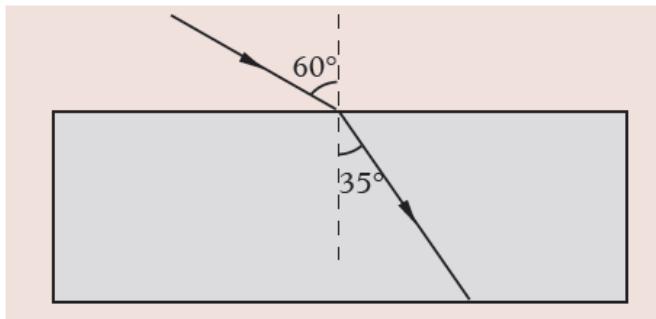
### Laws of reflection

The laws of reflection of light state that:

1. The incident ray, the reflected ray and the normal, at the point of incidence all lie in the same plane.
2. The angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection.

### Example

calculate the refractive index of glass.



### Solution

$$\text{Refractive index of glass } ({}_a\eta_g) = \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{\sin 60^\circ}{\sin 35^\circ}$$

$${}_a\eta_g = \frac{0.866}{0.574} = 1.51$$

The refractive index of glass is 1.51.

**Refraction of light** is the bending of light rays when they travel from one medium to another of different optical density. Also, refraction is the change of direction when light rays travel from one medium to another.



## Laws of refraction

1. The incident ray, the refracted ray and the normal, at the point of incidence, all lie in the same plane.
2. The ratio of the sine of the angle of incidence to the sine of the angle of refraction is a constant for a given pair of media (Snell's law)

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \text{constant}$$

### Example

A ray of light passing from air to glass is incident at an angle of  $30^\circ$ . Calculate the angle of refraction in the glass, if the refractive index of glass is 1.50.

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Refractive index of glass } n_g &= \frac{\sin i}{\sin r} \\ \therefore \sin r &= \frac{\sin i}{n_g} = \frac{\sin 30^\circ}{1.50} = \frac{0.50}{1.50} = 0.33 \\ \therefore r &= 19.5^\circ \\ \text{The angle of refraction in glass is } 19.5^\circ\end{aligned}$$

## Medium of propagation

### Transparent, translucent and opaque materials

**Transparent materials** – These are materials that allow all the light falling on them to pass through them freely. Therefore, we are able to see clearly through these materials.

Examples of transparent materials are air, water and clear glass.

**Translucent materials** – These are materials that allow some light falling on them to pass through. The light gets scattered as it passes through. Therefore, objects on the other side of such materials appear blurred and cannot be seen clearly.

Examples of translucent materials are frosted glass, oiled paper, wax paper, ice, tinted windows and some plastics.

**Opaque materials** – These are materials that do not allow light to pass through. When light strikes an opaque object, none of it passes through. Therefore, we cannot see through such materials.

When light falls on these materials, much of it is reflected away by the objects some while of it absorbed and converted to heat energy.

Examples of opaque materials are rocks, wood, soil, metals and exercise book.

**To investigate how light travels**

## **UNIT 6: CHARACTERIZE SOURCES OF INERGY IN WOLRD**

### **WORK, ENERGY AND POWER**

#### **Definition of work**

Work is defined as the product of force and distance moved in the direction of the force. i.e

Work = force  $\times$  distance moved in the direction of the force

$$W = F \times d$$

The SI unit of work is joule.

#### **Example**

Find the work done in lifting a mass of 2 kg vertically upwards through 10 m. ( $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ )

#### **Solution**

To lift the mass upwards against gravity, a force equal to its own weight is exerted. Applied

$$\text{force} = \text{weight} = mg = 2\text{kg} \times 10\text{N/kg} = 20 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Work done} = F \times d = 20 \text{ N} \times 10 \text{ m}$$

$$= 200 \text{ Nm}$$

$$= 200 \text{ J}$$

#### **Definition of power**

Power is the rate of doing work.

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{work done}}{\text{time taken}} = \frac{\text{force} \times \text{distance}}{\text{time}}$$

SI units of power are **Watts**.

$$1 \text{ watt} = 1 \frac{\text{joule}}{\text{second}}$$

Large units used are kilowatt and megawatt.

$$1 \text{ kilowatt} = 1\,000 \text{ W}$$

$$1 \text{ megawatt} = 1\,000\,000 \text{ W}$$

### Examples:

What power is expended by a boy who lifts a 300 N block through 10 m in 10 s?

#### Given data;

Force = 300 N, Distance = 10 m, Time = 10 s

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Work done by the boy} &= F \times d = 300 \times 10 \\ &= 3000 \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Power} &= \frac{\text{work}}{\text{time}} = \frac{3000 \text{ J}}{10 \text{ s}} \\ &= 300 \text{ W}\end{aligned}$$

### Definition of energy

Energy is the ability or capacity to do work.

Work done = energy transferred

SI unit of energy is joules (J).

### Forms of energy

- Solar energy
- Sound energy
- Heat energy
- Electrical energy
- Nuclear energy
- Chemical energy
- Mechanical energy

Mechanical energy = kinetic energy + potential energy.

**Kinetic energy** =  $\frac{1}{2} mv^2$ , where  $m$  and  $v$  are the mass and velocity of the body respectively.

$$\text{P.E} = mgh$$

### Example

A crane is used to lift a body of mass 30 kg through a vertical distance of 6.0 m.

(a) How much work is done on the body?

(b) What is the P.E stored in the body?

(c) Comment on the two answers.

### **Solution**

(a) **Work done** =  $F \times d = mg \times d = 30 \times 10 \times 6 = 300 \times 6 = 1\,800\text{ J}$

(b) **P.E** =  $mgh = 300 \times 6 = 1\,800\text{ J}$

(c) **The work done against gravity is stored as P.E in the body.**

## **Sources of energy**

There are two kinds of energy sources;

### **1. Primary sources.**

Primary Sources are from sources which can be used directly as they occur in the natural environment. They include.

1. Flowing water
2. Nuclear
3. Sun
4. Wind
5. Geothermal (interior of the earth)
6. Fuels
7. Minerals
8. Biomass (living thing and their waste materials)

### **3. Secondary sources.**

are energy sources that are generated from primary sources. For instance, electricity is a secondary source because it is generated for example from solar energy using solar panels or from flowing water using the turbines to generate hydroelectricity. Other secondary sources of energy include; petroleum products, manufactured solid fuels, gases, heat and bio fuel.

## **Renewable and nonrenewable sources of energy**

### **Renewable energy sources**

A renewable energy source is an energy source which can't be depleted/exhausted. They exist infinitely i.e. never run out. They are renewed by natural processes. Examples include;

- (i) Sun                      (iii) Geothermal

(ii) Wind      (iv) Trees

### **Non-renewable energy sources**

These are sources which can be depleted because they exist in fixed quantities. So they will run out one day. Examples are coal, crude oil, natural gas, and uranium.

### **Environmental effects of the use of energy sources**

Air and water pollution

Climate change and global warming

Deforestation

Land degradation