

## Units, Dimensions & measurement

### Physical Quantities:-

The quantities which can be measured and the various physical phenomena are expressed in terms these quantities in form of laws are called physical quantities. e.g. - mass, length, time, temperature, speed, etc.

A physical quantity is expressed in terms of its magnitude and units.

Types of physical quantities on the basis of dependence on each other :-

### Fundamental quantities :-

The physical quantities, which are independent of other physical quantities are known as fundamental quantities (MLT) at present (7)

### Derived physical quantities

The physical quantities which are expressed in terms of fundamental quantities are called derived physical quantities. For e.g. - speed, acceleration, etc.

### Units :-

The standard chosen for measurements of a quantity which has essentially same nature as that of the quantity is called the unit of the quantity.

## Units System:-

There are 4 types of unit systems

- 1.) FPS (Foot, Pound, seconds)
- 2.) MKS (Metre, kilogram, seconds)
- 3.) CGS (centimetre, gram, seconds)
- 4.) S.I (Standard International unit system)

✓ In S.I unit system, there are seven fundamental units

Mass (kg)

Length (m)

Time (s)

Temperature (K)

Current (A)

Mole (amount of substance) (mol)

luminous intensity (candela- (cd))

~~Other than~~ In S.I unit system there are two other physical quantities :-

Angle  $\rightarrow$  S.I unit (Radians)  $\rightarrow$  rad

Solid angle  $\rightarrow$  Steradian  $\rightarrow$  ~~sr~~ Sr (D)

↓

3d  $\rightarrow$  area of base

(slant height)

## Dimensions and Dimensional formulae of physical quantities

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{m}{\text{sec}} = m \text{ sec}^{-1} = \cancel{m} L^1 T^{-1}$$

$$\text{Acc.} = \frac{m}{\text{sec}^2} = m \text{ sec}^{-2} = L^1 T^{-2}$$

The powers of fundamental units in unit of a physical quantity is called dimensions of physical quantities

⇒ In physics, the units of physical quantities are expressed in seven fundamental units, that the dimensions of a physical quantity ~~has~~ has seven terms. But in mechanics all physical quantities are expressed in three fundamental quantities [M, L, T]

In mechanics the mass is represented by length by 'L' and time is represented 'T', so that the dimensions of a physical quantities are expressed in form of  $[M^x L^y T^z]$ .

$$x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{Real No.s}$$

The above formula is called dimensional formula.

units and dimensions of some imp. phys. quantities :-

Phy. quantity

length

S.I. unit

m

Dimensional

$M^0 L^1 T^0$

Mass

Kg

$M^1 L^0 T^0$

Phy quantity	S.I. unit	Dimensions
3) Time	sec.	$M^0 L^0 T^1$ $[T^1]$
4) Surface area	$m^2$	$M^0 L^2 T^0$ $[L^2]$
5) Volume	$m^3$	$M^0 L^3 T^0$ $[L^3]$
6) Speed	$m/sec.$	$M^0 L^1 T^1$ $[L T^{-1}]$
7) acc.	$m/sec^2$	$M^0 L^1 T^{-2}$ $[L T^{-2}]$
8) Linear mom.	$\frac{Kg \times m}{sec}$	$M^1 L^1 T^{-1}$
9) Force	$\frac{Kg \times m}{sec^2}$	$M^1 L^1 T^{-2}$
10) work	$N \cdot m$ (Joule)	$M^1 L^2 T^{-2}$
	$w = F \cdot s$	$Kg \times m^2 / sec^2$
11) K. E	$\frac{Kg \times \frac{m^2}{sec^2}}{sec^2}$ (joule)	$M^1 L^2 T^{-2}$
12) Pressure	$\frac{N}{m^2}$ (Pascal)	$M^1 L^0 T^{-2}$
13) Power	$\frac{W}{sec}$ (joule $\rightarrow$ watt)	$M^1 L^2 T^{-3}$
14) Torque ( $\tau = r \times F$ )	$m \times N$	$M^1 L^2 T^{-2}$
15) Angular displacement ( $\theta$ ) <sup>20</sup> radian		$[M^0 L^0 T^0]$
16) Ang. velocity ( $\omega = \theta/t$ ) <sup>20</sup> radian/sec.		$[M^0 L^0 T^{-1}]$
17) <sup>25</sup> Ang. moment. ( $L = r \times p$ ) <sup>21</sup> $\frac{Kg \cdot m^2}{sec}$ <sup>22</sup> $\frac{N \cdot m \cdot sec}{sec}$		$[M^1 L^2 T^{-1}]$

~~⇒~~ In a law of physics all no.s  $[\frac{1}{2}, 4\pi, \alpha]$  are dimension-less but all

<sup>30</sup> constant  $[G, K]$  have dimensions

⇒ All Trigonometry ratios are dimensionless

$$y = \sin \theta$$

$$\theta = \frac{A \times B}{C \times D}$$

will be dimensionless as in function  $\psi$   
of  $m$   $\Rightarrow$  no dimensions

$$y = \sin(\alpha \times B)$$

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# Dimensionless

Algebraic & exponential funct. and their powers are dimensionless.

$$y = 10^x$$

Dinnerstar

Durriens & Rölogg

See funet. curl also dimensionless

## Applications of dimension analysis:-

To check homogeneity and correctness of an equation.

$$v = u + \lambda at$$

all have some dimensions.

In physics same dimensional quantities are added or subtracted so that in a law of physics, units-terms on both sides of the equality between them '+' or '-' operations are present, have same dimensions. This is called homogeneity principle.

To compare homogeneity of all terms

in an organized and clear way. This dimension is also correct or incorrect.

→ Agave agm. is obviously correctly named

it may or may not be mathematically correct. If an eqn is dimensionally incorrect then it must be mathematically incorrect.

Q -  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}a^2t^2$ . Check ~~the~~ correctness of eqn.

by help of dimensional analysis.

$$s = M^0 L^1 T^0$$

$$ut = M^0 L^1 T^0$$

$$a^2 t^2 = M^0 L^2 T^2$$

$$D_o \text{ of } [s] = D_o \text{ of } [ut] \neq D_o \text{ of } [a^2 t^2]$$

20) To convert the value of physical quantities from one unit system to other.

M,  $\Rightarrow$  By using units (unit method)

Q - convert 1 N into CGS unit

$$N \rightarrow \text{Dyne}$$

$$1 \text{ N} = 1 \frac{\text{Kg} \times \text{m}}{\text{sec}^2}$$

$$= 1 \times \left[ \frac{1 \text{ Kg} \times 1 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ sec}^2} \right]$$

$$= 1 \times \left[ \frac{1000 \text{ g} \times 100 \text{ cm}}{1 \times \text{sec}^2} \right]$$

$$= 10^8 \text{ dyne.}$$

Q - convert 1 J into erg.

$$1 \text{ J} = F \times S$$

$$= \frac{\text{Kg} \times \text{m}^2}{\text{sec}^2}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1000 \times 10000}{1 \text{ sec}^2} \right] \times 1 = 10^7 \text{ erg}$$

$M_2$  :- Dimensional method

Suppose  $n_A [M_A^a L_A^b T_A^c]$  are numerical value and dimensional formula of a physical quantity in S.I. unit system and  $n_B [M_B^a L_B^b T_B^c]$  are numerical value and dimensional formula in unit system B;

then

$$n_A [M_A^a L_A^b T_A^c] = n_B [M_B^a L_B^b T_B^c]$$

- convert 6m/sec. into C.G.S. unit by dimensional analysis

(S.I.)  
A

(C.G.S.)  
B

$$6 [M_A^0 L_A^1 T_A^{-1}] = n_B [M_B^0 L_B^1 T_B^{-1}]$$

$$6 [(1000 M_B)^0 \cdot [100 L_B]^1 \cdot [1 T_B]^{-1}] = n_B [M_B^0 L_B^1 T_B^{-1}]$$

$$6 [100 \cdot 100 L_B^1 T_B^{-1}] = n_B [m^0 L_B^1 T_B^{-1}]$$

$$6 \times 100 = n_B$$

$$\therefore n_B = 600$$

3) Finding units and dimensions of unknown quantities in an eqn

when some known physical quantities are present in an eqn then we compare homogeneity of each term in the eqn and find out units and dimensions of unknown physical quantities.

Q- when a solid sphere of  $r^3$  is moving with a speed  $v$  in a fluid, then the resistive force acting on the sphere is given by stoke's law as  $F = 6 \pi \eta r v$

$\eta \rightarrow \text{eta} \rightarrow \text{coefficient of viscosity}$   
Find the dimensions and S.I. unit of eta by help of dimensional analysis

$$[M^1 L^1 T^{-2}] = [\eta] [L^1] [M^1 T^{-1}]$$

~~dimensions of eta~~

$$\eta = M^1 L^{-1} T^{-1}$$

$\Rightarrow \text{kg sec/m sec.}$

(q.) Deduce relationship b/w physical quantities  
let a physical quantity 'A' that depend upon physical quantity B, C and D.  
But we don't know in which manner  
in this situation, we assume.

$$A = B^x C^y D^z \quad \dots \text{eqn 1}$$

For eqn 1 we apply homogeneity principle and calculate value of x, y, z by comparing powers of M, L and T.

Q- The K.E. of a particle depends on its mass and velocity. Deduce the <sup>relation</sup> K.E. of particle with mass 8 velocity by help of dimension analysis.

$$m^8 v^8 \propto \text{K.E.}$$

$$\text{K.E.} \propto m^x v^y$$

$$\therefore D_o[\text{K.E.}] = D_o[m^x v^y]$$

$$[M^1 L^2 T^{-2}] = [M^0 L^4 T^{-4}]$$

$$x = 1$$

$$y = 2$$

[By comparing power of M, L and T]

Limitations of dimensional analysis:-

We can't deduce the relationship between constants of physical laws.

We can't deduce ~~and~~ exponential function

law functions.

We can't deduce relationship dimensions of a term if it depends on 4 or more than 4 physical quantities

- Out of the following pairs which one does not have identical dimensions:- (JEE mains 2005)
  - angular momentum, Planck's constant
  - impulse, momentum
  - moment of inertia and torque  $F \times$  distance
  - work and torque

$$F = h\nu$$

$$I = m r^2$$

$$E = hc$$

moment of inertia

$\times$

$$[M^0 L^1 T^0] [M^1 L^2 T^{-2}] = h [M^0 L^1 T^{-1}]$$

$$h = M^1 L^3 T^{-2}$$

$$M^0 L^1 T^{-1}$$

$$= M^1 L^2 T^{-3}$$

ang momentum  $\rho \times r$

$$[M^1 L^1 T^1] [M^0 L^1 T^0]$$

$$[M^1 L^2 T^1]$$

Torque  $\rightarrow [M^1 L^2 T^{-2}]$

$$I = [M^1 L^2 T^0]$$

A.)  $L = P \times P^{\cancel{\theta}} = [M^1 L^2 T^{-1}]$   
 $E = h\nu = \frac{E}{\nu} = [M^1 L^2 T^{-2}] \quad (\nu = \frac{1}{T})$   
 $= [M^1 L^2 T^{-1}]$

B.) Impulse =  $[M^1 L^1 T^{-1}]$  &  $P = [M^1 L^1 T^{-1}]$

C.)  $I = mr^2 \rightarrow [M^1 L^2 T^0]$  &  $E = \gamma \times F \rightarrow [M^1 L^2 T^{-2}]$

Q. If  $E$ ,  $M$ ,  $J$  and  $G$  resp. denote energy, mass, ang. momentum and gravitational constant then  $E \times J^2$  has dimensions of  $M^5 G T^2$

a) Length

b) angle

c) mass

d) Time

$$\frac{M L^2 T^{-2} \times (M^1 L^2 T^{-1})^2}{M^5 \times M^{-2} L^6 T^{-4}}$$

$$\frac{M L^2 T^{-2} \times M^2 L^4 T^2}{M^3 L^6 T^4} \left\{ M^0 L^0 T^0 \right\}$$

$$F \times R^2 = G$$

$$M^2$$

$$\frac{M^1 L^1 T^{-2} \times L^2}{M^2} \Rightarrow M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}$$

Q- If  $\frac{x}{t^4} = FV + \beta t^2$ . calculate dim formulae

of  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$ ,  $F$ ,  $V$  and  $t$  has their usual mean

$$\frac{x}{t^4} = M^1 L^2 T^{-3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= M^1 L^2 T^1 \\ \beta &= M^1 L^2 T^{-3} \\ &= M^1 L^2 T^{-5} \end{aligned}$$

## Factors in measurement :-

The difference between measured value and actual value of a physical value is called error.

In measurement the error comes into account due to some reasons. For example :-

error due to instruments

error due to imperfection in an experiment.

error due to non-seriousness during experiment

error (Random - unknown reason such as in a circuit due to unavailability of ideal resistors, ammeters, voltmeters)

## Types of errors on the basis of method of error calculation :-

Four types

Absolute error :-

The magnitude of difference between measured value and actual value of a physical quantity is called absolute error.

In physics we consider the mean of  $n$  measured values as actual value.

Suppose  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are  $n$  measured values of a physical values in  $n$  repetitions then  
 actual / mean value =  $A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_n$   
 $(A_m)$   $n$

Absolute error in first measurement :-

$$\Delta A_1 = |A_1 - A_m|$$

$$\Delta A_2 = |A_2 - A_m|$$

$$\Delta A_n = |A_n - A_m|$$

(ii) Mean absolute error :-

The arithmetic mean of absolute errors in  $n$  repetitions is called mean absolute error. It is represented by  $\bar{\Delta}A$ .

$$\overline{\Delta A} = \frac{\Delta A_1 + \Delta A_2 + \Delta A_3 + \dots + \Delta A_n}{n}$$

we will consider  $\overline{\Delta A}$  as final error (mean absolute error), and  $A_m$  as final value.

If  $A_m$  &  $\overline{\Delta A}$  are actual mean value and mean absolute error resp. then the physical quantity  $A$  is represented as

$$A = A_m \pm \overline{\Delta A}$$

The real value of phys. quantity lies between  $A_m - \overline{\Delta A}$  &  $A_m + \overline{\Delta A}$

(iii) Fractional / Relative error:-

The ratio mean absolute error and mean value of a physical quantity is called fractional error

$$\text{Fractional error} = \frac{\overline{\Delta A}}{A_m} \quad [\overline{\Delta A} = \Delta A]$$

Error in per unit mean value.

(iv) % error:-

when the error of a physical quantity is expressed in % then it is called % error.

$$\% \text{ error} = \frac{\overline{\Delta A}}{A_m} \times 100\% \quad [\text{errors are always +ve}]$$

Q - A physical quantity by an exp. ~~for~~ in several repetitions. If 1.49, 1.50, 1.32, 1.45, 1.38 & 1.40 are measured values in each repetition, then calculate

(i) actual / mean value =  $1.4233 \approx 1.42$

(ii) final / mean ab error =  $0.06$

(iii) Relative error =  $\frac{6}{14.2} = 3/71$

7. error = ~~4.22~~ 4.22 %

Binomial expansion :-

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} x^3 + \dots + x^n$$

If  $x \rightarrow 0$  ( $x$  approaching to 0)

In this case consider only,

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx \text{ and neglect other terms}$$

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx \text{ (neglect)}$$

Propagations and combinations of errors :-

Suppose two physical quantities  $A = A_m \pm \Delta A$

and  $B = B_m \pm \Delta B$  and a resultant phys.

Quantity  $R$ , such that,

$$\begin{array}{l} A = A_m \pm \Delta A \\ B = B_m \pm \Delta B \\ R = R_m \pm \Delta R \end{array}$$

error in result of sum of quantities :-

$$R = A + B \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{put } R = R_m \pm \Delta R$$

$$A = A_m \pm \Delta A$$

$$B = B_m \pm \Delta B$$

$$R \pm \Delta R = A_m \pm \Delta A + B_m \pm \Delta B$$

$$R \pm \Delta R = (A_m + B_m) + (\pm \Delta A \pm \Delta B)$$

$$\text{put } A_m + B_m = R \quad (\text{from (1)})$$

~~$$R \pm \Delta R = (A_m + B_m) R \pm (\pm \Delta A \pm \Delta B)$$~~

$$\pm \Delta R = (\pm \Delta A) + (\pm \Delta B)$$

In addition of two and more than two phys. quantities, the mean absolute error

in resultant quantity is equal to sum of mean ab. error in physical quantities

iii) Error of in subtr. of phys quantities :-

5. Let

$$R = A - B$$

$$M_1 = 1.5 \pm 0.05$$

Put

$$R = R \pm \Delta R$$

$$M_2 = 1.2 \pm 0.02$$

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

$$M = M_1 + M_2$$

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

$$M = 2.7 \pm 0.07$$
  
$$\pm \Delta M = \pm 0.07$$

$$R \pm \Delta R = (A \pm \Delta A) - (B \pm \Delta B)$$

$$R \pm \Delta R = (A - B) + (\pm \Delta A \pm \Delta B)$$

$$\Delta R \pm \Delta R = \Delta + (\pm \Delta A \pm \Delta B)$$

$$\pm \Delta R = (\pm \Delta A) + (\pm \Delta B)$$

Final error in a quantity is same as in addition & subtr. error is always added never subtracted

20. (iii) Error in product of quantities :-

$$R = A \times B \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{Put } R = R \pm \Delta R$$

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

[ May use  $K_1, K_2$  here which

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

are errorless quanti ]

$$(\therefore \pm \Delta R = K_1 \pm \Delta A + K_2 \pm \Delta B)$$

$$R \pm \Delta R = (A \pm \Delta A) \times (B \pm \Delta B)$$

$$\Rightarrow A \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta A}{A} \right) \times B \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta B}{B} \right)$$

$$= A \times B \left[ 1 + \frac{\Delta B}{B} + \frac{\Delta A}{A} + \frac{\Delta A \Delta B}{AB} \right] \quad \textcircled{2}$$

↓  
Taking  
60. (neglect)

$$R + \Delta R = R \left[ 1 \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} + \frac{\Delta A}{A} \right]$$

$$\frac{R + \Delta R}{R} = 1 \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A}$$

$$\frac{1 \pm \Delta R}{R} = \frac{1 + \Delta B}{B} + \frac{\Delta A}{A}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1 \pm \Delta R}{R} = \left( \frac{1 + \Delta B}{B} \right) + \left( \frac{\Delta A}{A} \right) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

The eqn (3) is multiplied by 100 on both sides

$$\frac{1 \pm \Delta R}{R} \times 100 = \left( \frac{1 + \Delta B}{B} \times 100 \right) + \left( \frac{\Delta A}{A} \times 100 \right)$$

Hence fractional and % error in the resultant quant. is equal to fractional and % error in individual quantity

Assume,

$$R = \frac{KA^\alpha B^\beta}{C^\gamma} \quad \text{--- (1)} \quad \text{constant}$$

If we consider errors in A, B, C and R then from (1) we get

$$R + \Delta R = \frac{(A \pm \Delta A)^\alpha (B \pm \Delta B)^\beta}{(C \pm \Delta C)^\gamma}$$

$$R + \Delta R = \frac{KA^\alpha}{C^\gamma} \left( 1 \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A} \right)^\alpha B^\beta \left( 1 \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \right)^\beta \left( 1 \pm \frac{\Delta C}{C} \right)^\gamma$$

$$R + \Delta R = \frac{KA^\alpha B^\beta}{C^\gamma} \left( 1 \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A} \right)^\alpha \left( 1 \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \right)^\beta \left( 1 \pm \frac{\Delta C}{C} \right)^\gamma$$

$$R + \Delta R = R \left( 1 \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A} \right)^\alpha \left( 1 \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \right)^\beta \left( 1 \pm \frac{\Delta C}{C} \right)^\gamma$$

\*  $\frac{\Delta A}{A}, \frac{\Delta B}{B} \& \frac{\Delta C}{C}$  are tending to zero.

$$\therefore \left(1 \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A}\right) \approx 1 \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A}$$

$$\left(1 \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B}\right) \approx 1 \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B}$$

$$\left(1 \pm \frac{\Delta C}{C}\right) \approx 1 \pm \frac{\Delta C}{C} \times$$

$$= 1 \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta C}{C} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{error is always} \\ \text{+ve} \end{matrix}$$

Putting these values we get

$$R \pm \Delta R = R \left(1 \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A}\right) \left(1 \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B}\right) \left(1 \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta C}{C}\right)$$

$$R \pm \Delta R = R \left(1 \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A} \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta A \Delta B}{AB}\right) \left(1 \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta C}{C}\right)$$

$$R \pm \Delta R = R \left(1 \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A} \right) \left(1 \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta C}{C}\right)$$

$$R \pm \Delta R = R \left(1 \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta C}{C} \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta A \Delta B}{BC} \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A} \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta A \Delta C}{AC}\right)$$

$$R \pm \Delta R = R \left(1 \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta C}{C} \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A}\right)$$

$$\frac{R \pm \Delta R}{R} = 1 \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta C}{C} \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A}$$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta C}{C} \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A}$$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta C}{C} \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \pm \frac{\Delta A}{A} \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{X}$$

If eqn  $\textcircled{X}$  is multiplied by 100, we get

$$\frac{\Delta R \times 100}{R} = \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta A}{A} \times 100 \pm \frac{\Delta B}{B} \times 100 \pm \frac{\gamma \Delta C}{C} \times 100$$

$$\Delta R \% = \gamma \Delta A \% + \Delta B \% + \gamma \Delta C \% \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{Y}$$

special case ①

If  $\alpha = \beta = 1$  &  $c = -1$  ( $\gamma = 0$ )  
 $R = K(A \times B)$

From eq. n ⑧ & ⑨

$$\frac{\pm \Delta R}{R} = \frac{\pm \Delta A}{A} + \frac{\pm \Delta B}{B}$$

$$\pm \Delta R \% = \pm \Delta A \% + \pm \Delta B \%$$

special case ②

If  $\alpha = \gamma = 1$  &  $\beta = 0$

$$R = \frac{KA}{C}$$

From eq. n ⑧ & ⑨, we get

$$\frac{\pm \Delta R}{R} = \frac{\pm \Delta A}{A} + \frac{\pm \Delta C}{C}$$

$$\pm \Delta R \% = \pm \Delta A \% + \pm \Delta C \%$$

$\therefore \gamma = \alpha$

Ab. error & fac. error remains same

$$\gamma = 2\alpha$$

Ab. error will be twice but relative error remains same.

Find the rel. error in  $Z$ , if

$$Z = P^\alpha Q^\beta R^\gamma$$

$$\frac{\pm \Delta Z}{Z} = \alpha \left( \frac{\pm \Delta P}{P} \right) + \beta \left( \frac{\pm \Delta Q}{Q} \right) + \gamma \left( \frac{\pm \Delta R}{R} \right)$$

The value of grav. acc. ( $g$ ) is measured by help of simple pendulum. If % error in length of simple pendulum is  $2\%$  and percentage in  $T$  is  $1\%$ . Then find the

% error in  $g$ .

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

$$T = \frac{l^{1/2}}{4\pi^2} g^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \frac{T^2}{l} = g$$

$$\pm 2(2\%) \pm 1(2\%)$$

$$\pm 4\% = g$$

Q- The inner & outer diameter of a hollow cylinder are  $d_i = 4.45 \pm 0.02 \text{ cm}$  &  $d_o = 4.75 \pm 0.03 \text{ cm}$ . Find the % error in thickness of cylinder.

$$\frac{0.02}{4.45} \times 100^{20}$$

$$\frac{2}{4.75} \times 100^4$$

$$\frac{40}{89} \%$$

$$\frac{8}{19} \%$$

$$0.44\% + 0.42\%$$

$$\pm [0.86\%] \times \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \pm 0.43\%$$

356

440

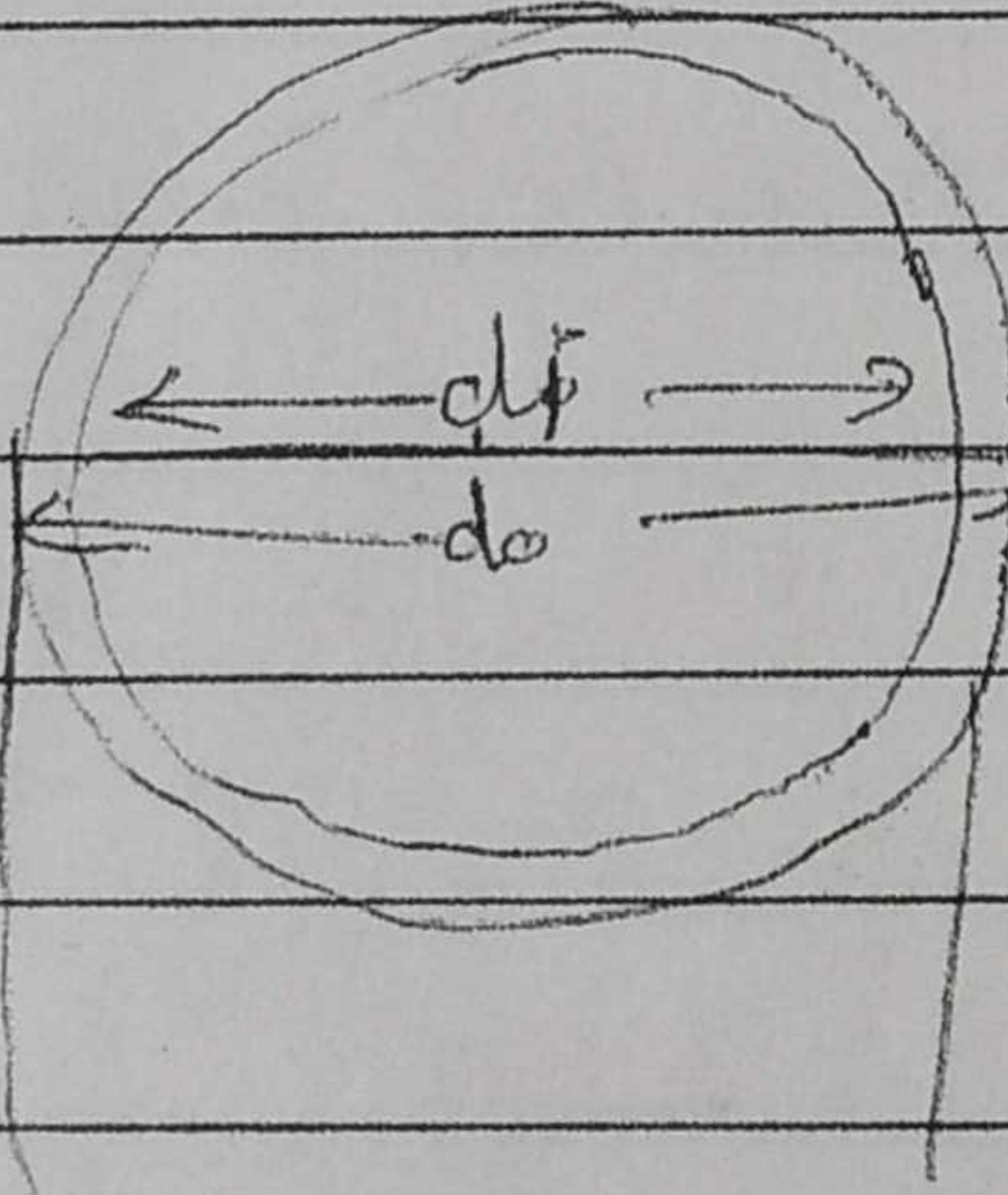
89

445

80

19

40 + 36



$$t = r_o - r_i$$

$$t = \frac{d_o - d_i}{2}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{2} (d_o - d_i)$$

$$t = \frac{1}{2} (4.75 - 4.45)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (0.30) \text{ cm}$$

$$= 0.15 \text{ cm}$$

$$\pm \Delta t = \frac{1}{2} (\pm \Delta d_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\pm \Delta d_1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (0.02) + \frac{1}{2} (0.02)$$

$$= 0.02$$

$$t = 0.15 \pm 0.02$$

$$\Delta t \% = 0.02 \times 100 = 13.33\%$$

Two resistors of resistances  $R_1 = 100 \pm 1 \Omega$  and  $R_2 = 200 \pm 1 \Omega$  are connected in parallel with each other. Find the max. % error in the eq. resist

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1 R_2}$$

$$\therefore R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$( \text{let } R_1 + R_2 = X )$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{X}$$

$$\Delta X \% = \Delta R_1 \% + \Delta R_2 %$$

$$\Delta X \% = \frac{\Delta X}{X} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{\Delta R_1 + \Delta R_2}{R_1 R_2}$$

$$\Delta R \% = \Delta R_1 \% + \Delta R_2 \% + \Delta X \%$$

$$\Delta R \% = \frac{\Delta R_1}{R_1} \times 100 \% + \frac{\Delta R_2}{R_2} \times 100 \% + \left( \frac{\Delta R_1 + \Delta R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) \times 100 \%$$

$$= 1 \% + 0.5 \% + \left( \frac{2}{300} \times 100 \right) \%$$

$$= 1.5 \% + 0.66$$

$$= 2.166 \%$$

max. error = least count of instrument

Q- Value of  $g$  is measured by help of a simple pendulum. If length of simple pendulum is measured by help of a metric scale, i.e.,  $l = 20 \text{ cm}$  and time period is measured by an ordinary stopwatch. If time of hundred oscillations of simple pendulum is equal to 50 sec then find max % error in  $g$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

Given:  $T = 50 \text{ sec}$  (O.S)

Length  $l = 20 \text{ cm}$

Max error in  $l = 0.5 \text{ cm}$

Max error in  $T = 0.5 \text{ sec}$

Max error in  $g = ?$

$\Delta g = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\Delta l}{l} + 2 \frac{\Delta T}{T} \right) g$

$\Delta g = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{0.5}{20} + 2 \times \frac{0.5}{50} \right) 9.81$

$\Delta g = \frac{1}{2} \left( 0.025 + 0.02 \right) 9.81$

$\Delta g = 0.0225 \times 9.81$

$\Delta g = 0.2225 \text{ m/s}^2$

$\Delta g \% = \frac{\Delta g}{g} \times 100\%$

$\Delta g \% = \frac{0.2225}{9.81} \times 100\% = 2.27\%$

$$T^2 = 4\pi^2 \frac{l}{g}$$

$$g = \frac{4\pi^2 l}{T^2}$$

$$\Delta g \% = \Delta l \% + 2 \Delta T \%$$

$$l = 20 \text{ cm}$$

$$T_{100} = 50 \text{ sec}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

$$g = \frac{4\pi^2 L}{T^2}$$

$$t_{100} = 100 \times T$$

$$T = \frac{t_{100}}{100}$$

$$g = \frac{4\pi^2 L \times 10^4}{t_{100}^2} = \frac{4\pi^2 L \times 10^4}{t_{100}^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta g \% &= \Delta L \% + 2 \Delta t_{100} \% & (L = 20 \pm 0.1 \text{ cm.}) \\ &= 0.5 \% + 2 \times 2 \% & (t_{100} = 50 \pm 1 \text{ cm.}) \\ &= 4.5 \% \end{aligned}$$

Note:- ① If  $y = kx$  ( $k$  constant)

$$(i) \pm \Delta y = k (\pm \Delta x)$$

$$(ii) \frac{\Delta y}{y} = \frac{\Delta x}{x}$$

$$② z = \alpha x + \beta y$$

$$\Delta z = \alpha \Delta x + \beta \Delta y$$

$$\frac{\Delta z}{z} = \frac{\alpha \Delta x + \beta \Delta y}{\alpha x + \beta y}$$

$$③ z = xy$$

$$\frac{\Delta z}{z} = \frac{\Delta x}{x} + \frac{\Delta y}{y}$$

$$\Delta z = \left( \frac{\Delta x}{x} + \frac{\Delta y}{y} \right) z$$

$$= \left( \frac{\Delta x}{x} + \frac{\Delta y}{y} \right) xy$$

$$= \Delta x(y) + \Delta y(x)$$

④ If a phys. quantity is measured by the <sup>more</sup> of an instrument then the possible

error in measurement is equal to least count accuracy of the instrument.

$$l = 20 \text{ cm} \xrightarrow{\text{M.P.A}} 0.1 \text{ cm.} \xrightarrow{\text{considering error}} 20 \pm 0.1 \text{ cm.}$$

$$t = 20 \text{ sec.} \xrightarrow{\text{m.s.}} 1 \text{ sec.} \xrightarrow{\text{error}} t = 20 \pm 1 \text{ sec.}$$

stop watch ( $l - 0 = 1 \text{ sec}$ )

Q- The length & width of a rect. were measured by a metre scale. If  $l = 20 \text{ cm}$  &  $b = 10 \text{ cm}$ . Find area of rect. with error consideration.

$$\frac{1}{200} \times 100 = 0.5\%$$

$$\frac{1}{100} \times 100 = 1\%$$

$$\Delta A = 1.5\%$$

1.5

$$A = 200 \pm 3 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$l = 20 \pm 0.1 \text{ cm.}$$

$$b = 10 \pm 0.1 \text{ cm.}$$

$$S = l \times b \rightarrow S = 200 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta S}{S} = \frac{\Delta l}{l} + \frac{\Delta b}{b}$$

$$\frac{\Delta S}{200} = \frac{1}{200} + \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\frac{\Delta S}{200} = \frac{3}{200}$$

$$\Delta S = 3$$

$$S = 200 \pm 3 \text{ cm}^2$$

## Significant figures:-

$l = 1.65$  ← least significant digit  
most significant      uncertain digit  
digit

The no. of all certain digits and first uncertain digit in a measurement is called no. of significant figures.

If in a measurement, the no. of significant figures is large then the measurement has high accuracy.

When the value of a physical quantity is converted from one unit system to another, then the no. of significant digits remain unchanged.

### Rules for counting of significant figures:-

- 1) All non-zero digits are significant.
- 2) All zeroes are significant if they are present between two non-zero digits.  
e.g.  $426 \rightarrow ③$   
 $4026 \rightarrow ④$
- 3) If in a measurement, there is no decimal point then the starting and ending zero are non-significant digits.  
 $6200 \rightarrow ②$   
X
- 4) If in a non decimal no., the ending zero has bar underline or decimal point then the zeroes between last non-~~zero~~ zero digit and zero that have bar / underline / decimal are significant digits and zero that has bar

decimal or underline is also significant

$$14000 \underset{\circ}{0} \times \rightarrow 5$$

- 5.) If in a measurement there is a decimal point then the ending zeroes are significant.  
eg -  $4.206 \underset{\circ}{0} \rightarrow 6$

- 6.) If the value of a measurement is less than then starting zeroes are non-significant and ending zeroes are significant  
 $0.00 \underset{\circ}{2} 00 \rightarrow 3$

- 7.) All exact values (for eg - 2 apples, 2 cars or  $\pi$ ?) have infinite no. of significant digits.

Note:- To avoid the confusion in no. of significant digits in unit conversion. We express the values of physical quantities in scientific notations.

$$5 \text{ km.} \rightarrow 5000 \text{ m}$$

$$5 \times 10^3 \text{ km.} \rightarrow 5 \times 10^3 \text{ m} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{This is done to} \\ \text{avoid confusion} \end{array} \right]$$

$$R = n_A \times 10^{n_B}$$

$$\bullet 1 \leq n_A \leq 10$$

- 25) In scientific notations, the significant figures are present in base 10: ( $n_A$ )

Q- Find the no. of sig. digits in given value

$$2402.044 \rightarrow 7$$

$$2667.000100 \rightarrow 10$$

$$0.00100200 \rightarrow 6$$

$$1.02000 \rightarrow 6$$

$$160000 \rightarrow 2$$

$$1267 \times 10^4 \rightarrow 4$$

Rounding off the uncertain digits :-

For reducing the complexity in calculation of measured values, we reduce the no. of significant digits by rounding off.

Rules for rounding off :-

if the dropping digit is less than 5 then the preceding digit remains unchanged.

e.g. -  $6.2\textcircled{3}72 \xrightarrow[1\text{ decimal place}]{2.0} 6.2$  [don't round off 3 as it will cause a lot of error]

if the dropping digit is more than 5 then the preceding digit is increased by 1.

$$6.4672 \rightarrow 6.47$$

if the dropping digit is equal to 5 and it is followed by some non-zero digits then preceding digit increases by 1.

$$4.26523 \xrightarrow{\text{decimal}} 4.27$$

if the dropping digit is equal to 5 and it is followed by zeroes or 5 is last digit, then the preceding digit is :-

(i) remains unchanged if it is even.

(ii) increases by 1 if it is odd.

$$6.42500 \xrightarrow[2.0.p]{2.0} 6.42$$

$$6.435 \xrightarrow[2.0.p]{2.0} 6.44$$

Rules for significant digits in arithmetic op. :-

1) In addition and subtr. of measurements, the result should have same no. of decimal places as min. no. of decimal places tha

are present in individual terms.

(ii) In multiplication & division, the result should have same no. of significant digits as min. no. of significant digits are present in any individual value

Q- The length and width of a rectangle are  $l = 4.25 \text{ cm}$  and  $b = 1.186 \text{ cm}$ , Find :-

(i) Perimeter ~~length~~  $\text{Perimeter} = 2(l+b)$

(ii) Area

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Perimeter} &= 2 \times (l+b) \\ &= 2 \times (4.25 + 1.186) \\ &= 2 \times (5.436) \\ &= 2 \times (5.41) \\ &= 10.82 = 10.8\end{aligned}$$

(Round off 10.82 in order to gain 3 sig. digits =

$$A = l \times b$$

$$= (4.25) (1.186)$$

$$= 4.91300$$

$$= 4.91 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ (Round off)}$$

Q. The side of cube is equal to  $1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$   
The volume of cube is ?

- a)  $1.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$
- b)  $1.70 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$
- c)  $1.72 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$
- d)  $1.72 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$

Note :- The final result of mathematical operations does not depend only on the no. of significant digits present in individual no.s but also depends on its own's value.

$$J = \frac{6.267 \times 7.667 \times 1.21}{6.67 \times 1.0} \quad (3)$$

= Find exact answer and then find answer acc. to lowest sig. digits

Wire of length,  $l = 6 \pm 0.06$  cm. and radius  $r = 0.5 \pm 0.005$  cm. has mass  $m = 0.3 \pm 0.003$  g. max % error in density is :-

4

2

1

6.8

$$m = V \times \rho$$

$$\frac{6}{100} \times \frac{100}{100} \times 6 = \frac{3 \times 5}{100} \times \frac{100}{100} \times \frac{5}{10} + \Delta$$

$$\frac{36}{100} + \frac{75}{100} + \frac{\Delta \rho \times 100}{\rho}$$

$$36 - 31 = \frac{4}{4}$$

$$m = \rho V$$

$$\rho = \frac{m}{\pi r^2 l}$$

$$\Delta \rho \% = \Delta m \% + 2 \Delta r \% + \Delta l \%$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 100}{3 \times 100} + 2 \times \frac{5}{100} \times \frac{100}{100} + \frac{6 \times 1}{6 \times 1}$$

$$= 1 + 2 + 1$$

$$= 4 \%$$

Q- The resp. no. of significant figures for the no. 3

$$23.023 \rightarrow 5$$

$$0.0003 \rightarrow 1$$

$$2.1 \times 10^{-3} \rightarrow 2$$

5 a) 5, 1, 2

b) ~~0.0003~~ 5, 1, 3

c) 5, 5, 2

d) 4, 2, 2

10 Q- Planck's constant  $h$ , speed of light  $c$ , and gravitational  $G$  are used to form a unit of length  $L$  and unit of mass  $M$ . Then correct option (s) are

a)  $M \propto \sqrt{c}$

b)  $M \propto \sqrt{G}$

c)  $L \propto \sqrt{h}$

d)  $L \propto \sqrt{G}$

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda} = E \quad \text{erg} = \frac{m s^{-1}}{m}$$

$$M^1 L^2 T^1 = h M^0 L^1 T^1 \quad \text{erg} \\ h = M^1 L^2 \quad \text{erg}$$

$$F = \frac{M_1 M_2 G}{R^2}$$

$$G = \frac{M^2}{L^2} = M^1 L^4 T^{-2} \quad N$$

$$Kg m s^{-2} \times m^2 = G$$

$$G = M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}$$

$$m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2} \quad G = M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}$$

$$m^3 s^{-2} \quad h = M^1 L^2 T^{-1}$$

$$G = M^0 L^4 T^{-1}$$

$$G = M^{-1} L^2 T^0$$

$$hc$$

$$G = M^{-1} L^2 T^0$$

$$L \propto h^2 C^4 G^2$$

$$[M^a L^b T^c] = [M^2 L^{2x} T^{2x}] [M^y L^y T^{-y}] [M^{-z} L^{3z} T^{-2z}]$$
$$= M^{a-2} L^{2x+y+3z} T^{-x-y-2z}$$

$$x-2=0$$

$$x=2$$

$$5x+y=1$$

$$y=1-5x$$

$$-3x-1+5x=0$$

$$2x=1$$

$$x=\frac{1}{2}, z=\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}=y$$

$$L \propto h^{1/2} C^{-3/2} z^{1/2}$$

$$M \propto h^\alpha C^\beta G^\gamma$$

$$[M^a L^b T^c] = [M^a L^{2x} T^{-x}] [M^y L^y T^{-y}] [M^{-z} L^{3z} T^{-2z}]$$
$$= M^{a-y} L^{(2x+y+3z)} T^{(-x-y-2z)}$$

$$x-y=1$$

$$\alpha = \gamma + 1$$

$$2x+\beta+3\gamma$$

$$2x+\beta+3\gamma = 2\gamma + 2 + \beta + 3\gamma$$

$$0 = 5\gamma + \beta + 2$$