



PHYSICS

BOOKS - BHARATI BHAWAN PHYSICS (HINGLISH)

UNITS AND DIMENSION

Example

1. Find the dimensions of the following quantities :

(i)velocity, (ii)acceleration, (iii)force, (iv)angle, (v)angular velocity, (vi)density , (vii)pressure, (viii)kinetic energy, (ix)couple, (x)constant of gravitation, (xi)coefficient of viscosity, and (xii)permeability of a medium.



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2. The value of a force acting on a body is 20 N in SI units. What is the value of this force in cgs, units that is , dynes ?



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3. Check by the method of dimensions whether the following relations are true.

$$(i)t = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}, (ii)v = \sqrt{\frac{P}{D}} \text{ where } v = \text{velocity}$$

of sound P =pressure D =density of medium .

$$(iii)n = \frac{1}{2l} = \sqrt{\frac{F}{m}} \text{ where } n = \text{frequency of}$$

vibration l =length of the string, F =stretching force m =mass per unit length of the string .



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4. Assuming that the critical velocity of flow of a liquid through a narrow tube depends on the radius of the tube, density of the liquid and viscosity of the liquid, find an expression for critical velocity.



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5. Show that $\frac{h}{m_0 c}$ is of the dimensions of length where h is Planck constant, m_0 , rest mass and c , velocity of light.





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6. If density (D), acceleration due to gravity (g) and frequency (ν) are taken as base quantities, find the dimensions of force.



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7. Find the dimensions of a in the formula

$$\left(p + \frac{a}{V^2}\right)(V - b) = RT$$



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Exercise

1. Obtain the dimensions of the following physical quantities :

(i) momentum, (ii) moment, (iii) impulse,
(iv) power, (v) power, (vi) frequency, (vi) angular
acceleration, (vii) velocity gradient, (viii) surface
tension, (ix) moment of inertia, (x) ϵ ,
permittivity of a medium , (xi) thermal
conductivity, (xii) stress , (xiii) strain,
(xiv) Young's modulus.



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2. Acceleration due to gravity in the fps system is 32.2. What is its value in SI units ?



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3. The value of coefficient of viscosity in the cgs system is 12. What is its value of the same in SI units ?



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4. Surface tension of water in the CGS units is 72 dyne/cm . What is its value in SI units ?



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5. The value of acceleration due to gravity is $980 \text{ cm} / \text{sec}^2$. What will be its value if the unit of length is kilometer and that of time is hour ?



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6. Obtain the formula $t = k\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$ by the method of dimensions.



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7. Assuming that the largest mass that can be moved by a flowing river depends on the velocity of flow, density of river water and acceleration due to gravity, show that the mass varies as the sixth power of velocity of flow.



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8. The velocity of sound in a gas depends on its pressure and density . Obtain the relation between velocity , pressure and density.



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9. The viscous force on a spherical body, when it moves through a viscous liquid, depends on the radius of the body, the coefficient of

viscosity of the liquid and the velocity of the body. Find an expression for the viscous force.



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10. The rate of volume flow of water through a canal is found to be a function of the area of cross-section of the canal and velocity of water. Show that the rate of volume flow is proportional to the velocity of flow of water.



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11. Show that the following are the dimensions of energy.

(i) mc^2 where m =mass and c =velocity of light

(ii) $\frac{mP}{\rho}$ where P =pressure, ρ =density of liquid

and m =mass

(iii) mB where m =magnetic moment and B =magnetic induction field.



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12. Show that RC , where R is the resistance and C is the capacitance, is of the dimension of

time.



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13. Using force (F), length (L) and time (T) as base quantities , find the dimensions of (i)mass, (ii)surface tension and (iii)Young's modulus.



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14. If the units of length and force be increased three times, show that the unit of energy is increased nine times.



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15. A gas bubble, from an explosion under water, oscillates with a period proportional to $P^a d^b E^c$, where P is the static pressure, d is the density and E is the total energy of the explosion. Find the values of a, b and c.





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16. If the time period (T) of vibration of a liquid drop depends on surface tension (S), radius (r) of the drop, and density (ρ) of the liquid, then find the expression of T .



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17. In the formula $X = 3YZ^2$, X and Z have dimensions of capacitance and magnetic

induction respectively. The dimensions of Y in MKSQ system are,



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18. If the velocity of light c , the gravitational constant G and Planck constant h are chosen as the fundamental units, find the dimensions of length, mass, and time in the new system.



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19. The viscosity η of a gas is determined by its density ρ , molecular velocity c and its mean free path λ . Show that $\eta = k\rho c\lambda$ where k is a dimensionless constant.



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20. Assuming that the vibration frequency of atoms in a crystal depends on the atomic mass m , the atomic spacing a and

compressibility β , find an expression for frequency.



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21. If the resistance experienced by a spherical body moving through a liquid is proportional to the square of the velocity. show that it is independent of viscosity.



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22. The critical angular velocity ω_c of a cylinder inside another cylinder containing a liquid at which its turbulence occurs depends on viscosity η , density ρ and the distance d between the walls of the cylinders . Find an expression for ω_c .



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23. Find the physical quantity whose value depends on the velocity of light c , mass of

electron m and Planck constant h and which has the dimension of distance.



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24. The force of attraction between two points 1 kg masses I_m apart proposed as the unit of force and call it neodyne, the first Bohr orbit ($0.5 \times 10^{-10}m$) as the unit of length and call it neometre and the mass of electron ($9 \times 10^{-31}kg$) as unit of mass and call it

neogram. Find the value of 'neosecond' in this system.



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25. Find dimensionally the relation between reverberation period t of a room, its volume V , its surface area A and the velocity of sound C . Assume that period is proportional to the volume and inversely proportional to area.



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26. The resistance R to the motion of a ship depends on the velocity v of the ship, l the length of ship, ρ the density of sea water and g the acceleration due to the gravity. Show that R is proportional to l^3 .



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