



PHYSICS

NCERT - FULL MARKS PHYSICS(TAMIL)

UNITS AND MEASUREMENT

Example

1. Calculate the angle in radians of

(i) 1° (degree)

(ii) 1 (minute of arc or arc minute) and

(iii) 1 (second of arc or arc sec)

in radian.(Use $360^\circ = 2\pi rad, 1^\circ = 60'$ and $1' = 60''$ and $1' = 60''$)



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2. A man wishes to estimate the distance of a nearby tower from him. He stands at a point A in front of the tower C and spots a very distant object O in line with AC. He then walks perpendicular to AC upto B, a distance of 100m and looks at O and C again. Since O is very distant, the direction of BO is practically the same as AO, but he finds the line of sight of C shifted from the original line of sight by an angle

$\theta = 40^\circ$ (θ is known as parallax). Estimate the distance to the tower C from his original position A.

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3. The moon is observed from two diametrically opposite points A and B on earth. The angle θ subtended at the moon by the two directions of observation is $1^\circ 54'$. Given the diameter of earth to be about $1.276 \times 10^7 m$, calculate the distance of moon from earth.

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4. The sun's angular diameter is measured to be $1920''$.

The distance of the sun from the earth is

$1.496 \times 10^{11}m$. What is the diameter of the sun?



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5. If the size of a nucleus ($\approx 10^{-15}m$) is scaled up to

the tip of a sharp pin ($\approx 10^{-5}m$), what roughly is

the size of an atom?



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6. Two clocks are being tested against a standard clock located in a national laboratory. At 12:00:00 noon by the standard clock, the readings of the two clocks are :

	Clock 1	Clock 2
Monday	12:00:05	10:15:06
Tuesday	12:01:15	10:14:59
Wednesday	11:59:08	10:15:18
Thursday	12:01:50	10:15:07
Friday	11:59:15	10:14:53
Saturday	12:01:30	10:15:24
Sunday	12:01:19	10:15:11

If you are doing an experiment that requires precision time interval measurements, which of the two clocks will you prefer ?



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7. हम एक सरल लोलक कस दोलन - काल ज्ञात करते है । प्रयोग के क्रमिक मापनों में लिए गए पाठ्यांक हैं : 2.63 s, 2.56 s, 2.42 s, 2.71 s एवं 2.80 s । निरपेक्ष त्रुटि , सापेक्ष त्रुटि एवं प्रतिशत त्रुटि परिकलित कीजिए ।



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8. The temperature of two bodies measured by a thermometer are $t_1 = 20^\circ C \pm 0.5^\circ C$ and $t_2 = 50^\circ C \pm 0.5^\circ C$. Calculate the temperature difference and error there in .



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9. The resistance $R = \frac{V}{I}$, where $V = (100 \pm 5.0)V$ and $I = (10 \pm 0.2)A$. Find the percentage error in R .

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10. Two resistors of resistances $R_1 = 100 \pm 3$ ohm and $R_2 = 200 \pm 4$ ohm are connected (a) in series, (b) in parallel. Find the equivalent resistance of the (a) series combination, (b) parallel combination. Use for (a) the

relation $R = R_1 + R_2$ and for (b) $\frac{1}{R'} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$ and $\frac{\Delta R'}{R'} = \frac{\Delta R_1}{R_1} + \frac{\Delta R_2}{R_2}$

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11. Find the relative error in Z , if $Z = A^4 B^{1/3} / CD^{3/2}$.



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12. The period of oscillation of a simple pendulum is

$T = 2\pi\sqrt{L/g}$. Measured value of L is 20.0cm known

to 1mm accuracy and time for 100 oscillations of the

pendulum is found to be 90 s using a wrist watch of 1 s

resolution. What is the accuracy in the determination

of g ?



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13. Each side is measured to be 7.203 m. What are the total surface area and the volume of the cube to appropriate significant figures ?

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14. The mass of a body is 275.32g and its volume is 36.41cm^3 . Express its density up to appropriate significant figures.

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15. Let us consider an equation

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgh,$$

Where m is the mass of the body, v its velocity, g is acceleration due to gravity and h is the height. Check whether this equation is dimensionally correct.



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16. ऊर्जा का SI मात्रक $J = \text{kgm}^2\text{s}^{-2}$, है, चाल v का ms^{-1} और त्वरण a का ms^{-2} है। गतिज ऊर्जा (K) के लिए निम्नलिखित सूत्रों में आप किस - किस को विमीय दृष्टि से गलत बताएँगे ? (m पिण्ड का द्रव्यमान है)।

(a) $K = m^2v^3$

(b) $K = (1/2)mv^2$

$$(c) K = ma$$

$$(d) K = (3/16)mv^2$$

$$(e) K = (1/2)mv^2 + ma$$



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17. Consider a simple pendulum having a bob attached to a string that oscillates under the action of a force of gravity. Suppose that the period of oscillation of the simple pendulum depends on its length (l), mass of the bob (m) and acc. Due to gravity (g). Derive the expression for its time period using method of dimensions.



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Exercise Fill In The Blanks

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5. Fill in the blanks by suitable of units $1\text{kg } m^2 s^2$

$$= \text{-----} \text{g } cm^2 s^2$$



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$$7. $3.0 m s^{-2} = \text{.....} K m h^{-2}$$$



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8.

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} Nm^2(kg)^{-2} = \dots\dots\dots (cm)^3 s^{-2} g^{-1}$$

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Exercise

1. A calorie is a unit of heat or energy and it equals about $4.2J$, where $1J = 1kgm^2s^{-2}$. Suppose we employ a system of units in which the unit of mass equals αkg , the unit of length equals βm , the unit

of time is γs . Show that a calorie has a magnitude

$4.2\alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1}\gamma^2$ in terms of the new units.



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2. Explain this statement clearly :

"To call a dimensional quantity 'large' or 'small' is meaningless without specifying a standard for comparison". In view of this, reframe the following statement wherever necessary :

(a) atoms are very small objects

(b) a jet plane moves with great speed

(c) the mass of Jupiter is very large

(d) the air inside this room contains a large number of

molecules

(e) a proton is much more massive than an electron

(f) the speed of sound is much smaller than the speed of light.



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3. A new unit of length is chosen such that the speed of light in vacuum is unity. What is the distance between the sun and the earth in terms of the new unit, if light takes 8 min and 20 sec. to cover the distance ?



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4. Which of the following is the most precise device for measuring length ? (a) a Vernier callipers with 20 divisions on the sliding scale, coinciding with 19 main scale divisions (b) a screw gauge of pitch 1mm and 100 divisions on the circular scale (c) an optical instrument that can measure length to within a wavelength of light.



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5. A student measures the thickness of a human hair by looking at it through a microscope of magnification 100. He makes 20 observations and finds that the average width of the hair in the field of view of the

microscope is 3.5mm. What is his estimate on the thickness of hair?



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6. Answer the following :

(a) You are given a tread and a metre scale. How will you estimate the diameter of the thread ?

(b) A screw gauge has a pitch of 1.0 mm and 200 divisions on the circular scale. Do you think it is possible to increase the accuracy of the screw gauge arbitrarily by increasing the number of divisions on the circular scale ?

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9. The photograph fo a house occupies an area of 1.7cm^2 on a 35 slide. The slide is projected on to a screen, and the area of the house on the screen is

$1.55m^2$ What is the liner magnification of the projector screen arrangement?



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10. The number of significant figures in 0.007 is



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11. The numebr of significant figures in $2.64 \times 10^4 kg$ is



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12. State the number of significant

$$0.2370\text{gcm}^{-3}$$



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13. State the number of significant figures in 6.032 J .



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16. The length , breadth , and thickness of a metal sheet are $4.234m$, $1.005m$, and $2.01cm$, respectively. Give the area and volume of the sheet to the correct number of significant figures.



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17. The mass of a box measured by a grocer's balance is $2.300kg$. Two gold pieces of masses $20.15 g$ and $20.17 g$

are added to the box. What is (a) the total mass of the box, (b) the difference in the masses of the pieces to correct significant figures?



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18. A physical quantity P is related to four observables a , b , c and d as $P = a^3 b^2 / \sqrt{cd}$. The percentage errors in the measurements of a , b , c and d are 1%, 3%, 4% and 2% respectively. What is the percentage error in the quantity P ? If the value of P calculated using this formula turns out to be 3.763, to what value should you round off the result?



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19. A book with many printing errors contains four different formulae for the displacement y of a particle undergoing a certain periodic motion : (i)

$$y = a \frac{\sin(2\pi t)}{T} \quad \text{(ii) } y = a \sin vt \quad \text{(iii) } y = \frac{a}{T} \sin(t) \quad \text{(iv)}$$

$$y = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{\sin(2\pi t)}{T} + \frac{\cos(2\pi t)}{T} \right]$$

Here, a is maximum displacement of particle, v is speed of particle, T is time period of motion. Rule out the wrong formulae on dimensional grounds.



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20. A famous relation in physics relates the moving mass m to the rest mass m_0 of a particle in terms of its

speed v and the speed of light c . (This relation first arose as a consequence of the special theory of relativity due to Albert Einstein). A body recalls the relation almost correctly but forgets where to put the constant c . He writes $m = \frac{m_0}{(1 - V^2)^{1/2}}$. Guess where to put the missing c .



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21. The unit of length convenient on the atomic scales is known as an angstrom and is denoted by \AA : $1\text{\AA} = 10^{-10}m$. The size of a hydrogen atom is about 0.5\AA . What is the total atomic volume in m^3 of a mole of hydrogen atoms?



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22. One mole of an ideal gas at NTP occupies 22.4 liters (molar volume). What is the ratio of molar volume to atomic volume to atomic volume of a mole of hydrogen ? Take size of hydrogen molecule to be 1 \AA . Why is this ratio so large?



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23. Explain this common observation clearly : If you look out of the window of a fast moving train, the nearby tress, houses etc. seem to move rapidly in a direction opposite to the train's motion, but the distant objects

(hill tops, the Moon, the stars etc.) seem to be stationary. (In fact, since you are aware that you are moving, these distant objects seem to move with you).



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24. The principle of 'parallax' in Art. 1(c).4. is used in the determination of distance of very distant stars. The baseline AB in the line joining the Earth's two locations six months apart in its orbit around the sun. That is, the baseline is about the diameter of the Earth's orbit $\approx 3 \times 10^{11} m$. However, even the nearest stars are so distant that with such a long baseline, they show parallax only of the order of 1''(second) of arc or so. A

parsec is a convenient unit of length on the astronomical scale. It is the distance of an object that will show a parallax of 1" (second) of arc from opposite ends of a baseline equal to the distance from the Earth to the sun. How much is a parsec in terms of metres ?



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25. The nearest star to our solar system is 4.29 light years away. How much is this distance in terms of parsec ? How much parallax would this star show when viewed from two locations of the earth six months apart in its orbit around the sun?



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26. Precise measurements of physical quantities are a need of science. For example to ascertain the speed of an aircraft, one must have an accurate method to find its positions at closely separated instants of time. This was the actual motivation behind the discovery of radar in World War II. think of different examples in modern science where precise measurements of length, time, mass etc, are needed. Also, where ever you can, give a quantitative idea of the precision needed.

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27. Just as precise measurements are necessary in science, it is equally important to be able to make rough estimates of quantities using rudimentary ideas and common observations. Think of ways by which you can estimate the following (where an estimate is difficult to obtain. try to get upper bound on the quantity) :

- (a) the total mass of rain-bearing clouds over India during the Monsoon
- (b) the mass of an elephant
- (c) the wind speed during a storm
- (d) the number of strands of hair on your head
- (e) the number of air molecules in your classroom.



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28. The sun is a hot plasma (ionised matter) with its inner core at a temperature exceeding 10^7 K, and its outer surface at a temperature of about 6000K. At such high temps, no substance remains in a solid or liquid phase. In what range do you expect the mass density of the sun to be? In the range of densities of solids, liquids or gases ? Check if your guess is correct from the following data : mass of sun = $2.0 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$, radius of the sun = $7.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$



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29. when the planet Jupiter is at a distance of 824.7 million kilometers from the Earth, its angular diameter is measured to be 35.72" of arc. Calculate the diameter of Jupiter ?



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Exercise Additional Exercise

1. A man walking briskly in rain with speed v must slant his umbrella forward making an angle θ with the vertical. A student derives the following relation between θ and v :

$$\tan \theta = v$$

and checks that the relation has a correct limit : as $v \rightarrow 0, \theta \rightarrow 0$, as expected . (We are assuming there is no string wing and that the rains falls vertically for a stationary man). Do you think this relation can be correct ? If not, guess at the correct relation .



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2. It is claimed that two cesium clocks, if allowed to run for 100 years, free from any disturbance, may differ by only about 0.02s. What does this imply for the accuracy of the standard cesium clock in measuring a time interval of 1s ?



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3. Which of the following is the average mass density of sodium atom assuming, its size to be about 2.5\AA (use the known values of Avogadro's number and the atomic mass of sodium)



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4. The unit of length convenient on nuclear scale is a fermi, $1f = 10^{-15}\text{m}$. Nuclear sizes obey roughly the following empirical relation : $r = r_0 A^{1/3}$, where r is radius of the nucleus and r_0 is a constant equal to 1.2 f. show that the rule implies that nuclear mass density

in nearly constant for different nuclei. Estimate the mass density of sodium nucleus. Compare it with average mass density of sodium atom is Q. 27 ($4.67 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$).



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5. A laser light beamed at the moon takes 2.56 s to return after reflection at the moon's surface. How much is the radius of the lunar orbit around the earth?



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6. A SONAR (sound navigation and ranging) uses ultrasonic waves to detect and locate object under water. In a submarine equipped with as SONAR, the time delay between generation of a probe wave and the reception of its echo after refraction from an enemy submarine is found to be 77.0 s. What is the distance of the enemy submarine ? (speed of sound in water $= 1450\text{m.s}^{-1}$)



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7. The farthest objects in our universe discovered by modern astronomers are so distant that light emitted by them takes billions of years to reach the earth. These

object (known as quasars) have many puzzling features, which have yet not been satisfactorily explained. What is the distance in km of a quasar from which light takes 3.0 billion years to reach us?



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8. It is a well known fact that during a total solar eclipse the disc of the moon almost completely covers the disc of the sun. From this fact and from the information you can gather from Solved Examples 3 and 4 on page 1//44, determine the approximate diameter of the moon.



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9. A great physicist of this century (P. A. M. Dirac) loved playing with numerical values of fundamental constant of nature. This led him to an interesting observation. Dirac found that from the basic constant of atomic physics (c , e , mass of electron, mass of proton) and the gravitational constant G , he could arrive at a number with the dimension of time. Further, it was a very large number, its magnitude being close to the present estimate on the age of the universe (≈ 15 billion years). From the table of fundamental constants in this book, try to see if you too can construct this number (or any other interesting number you can think of). If its coincidence with the

age of the universe were significant, what would this imply for the constancy of fundamental constants ?



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