



DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS

- Convert a power of 1 MW on a system whose fundamental units are 10 kg, 1dm & 1 minute.
- A gas bubble from an explosion under water oscillates with a period T proportional to $p^a d^b E^c$ where p is the static pressure, d is the density of water and E is the total energy of the explosion. Find the value of a , b and c .
- Assuming that the mass m of the largest stone that can be moved by a flowing river depends upon the velocity v , density ρ and acceleration due to gravity g , show that m varies with sixth power of the velocity of flow.
- Calculate the dimension of i) Force and ii) Impulse in terms of velocity v , density ρ & frequency ν as the fundamental units.
- Construct a new physical quantity having dimension of length in terms of universal constants G , c and h . What is it called?
- The coefficient of viscosity η of a gas depends upon the mass m , the effective diameter d and the mean speed of the gas molecules. Use dimensional analysis to find the relation between them.
- Check the dimensional consistency of the following equations:
$$h = r \rho g / 2S \cos \theta$$
where h is the height, r is the radius, ρ is the density, θ is the angle of contact, S is the surface tension and g is the acceleration due to gravity.
- The velocity of a body which has fallen freely under gravity varies as $g^p h^q$ where g is the acceleration due to gravity and h is the height which the body has fallen from. Determine the values of p and q .
- Find the value of x in the following equation:
$$(\text{velocity})^x = (\text{pressure difference})^{3/2} (\text{density})^{-3/2}$$
- Write the dimensions of a and b in the following relations:
 - $E = \frac{b - x^2}{at}$ where E , x and t represents energy, distance and time respectively.
 - $\left(P + \frac{a}{v^2}\right)(V - b) = RT$ where P , V & T represents pressure, volume & temp. respectively.
- A calories is a unit of heat and it equals 4.2J where $1\text{J} = 1\text{kgm}^2\text{s}^{-2}$. Suppose we employ a system of units in which the unit of mass equals to α kg, the unit of length equals β m, the unit of time is γ s. Show that a calories has a magnitude of $4.2 \alpha^{-1} \beta^{-2} \gamma^2$ in terms of the new units.
- If the units of force, energy and velocity are 10N, 100J and 5m/s, find the units of mass, length and time.