

Units and Measurements (From open star uni physics vol-1)

- Units are most basic aspects of any measurements
example Meter for length, kilogram for mass, second for time

without these any measurement is meaningless.

- Different systems: CGS, FPS, MKS

- 7 base fundamental units

Base Quantity

Length (L)

Mass (M)

Time (T)

Electric current (I)

Temperature (θ)

Amount of substance (N)

Luminous intensity (J)

units

meter (m)

kilogram (kg)

second (s)

Ampere (A)

Kelvin (K)

mole (mol)

Candela (cd)

- Derived units: Derived from fundamental units

- Metric Prefixes for powers of 10

the power of 10

10
 10^2
 10^3
 10^6
 10^9
 10^{12}
 10^{15}
 10^{18}

Prefix

Deca (da)
Hecto (H)
Kilo (k)
Mega (M)
Giga (G)
Tera (T)
Peta (P)
Exa (E)

the power of 10

10^{-1}
 10^{-2}
 10^{-3}
 10^{-6}
 10^{-9}
 10^{-12}
 10^{-15}
 10^{-18}

Prefix

deci (d)
centi (c)
milli (m)
Micro (μ)
nano (n)
Pico (P)
femto (f)
atto (a)

Dimensional Analysis

Dependence on base quantities
Product of base quantity symbols

- Dimension of a physical quantity:
(Definition is from open stack unit vol^{-1})
Notes:

- Area has dimensions L^2 ; Volume has dimensions L^3

- Any physical quantity dimensions can be written as

$$L^a M^b T^c I^d \theta^e N^f J^g$$

- $[A] = L^2$ $[V] = L^3$ $[P] = M L^{-3}$
 ↑ square brackets

- Any mathematical equation related to physical quantity must be dimensionally consistent.

- Arguments of trigonometric functions, logarithms, exponential functions that appears in the equation must be dimensionless \rightarrow Pure numbers.