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Physics DPP

DPP-2 Units & Measurements: Principle of Homogeneity
By Physicsaholics Team

Q) In the formula $P = P_0 e^{-\frac{hc}{x}}$, h is Planck's constant (Unit = J-s) and c is speed of light. The dimensional formula for x is

(a) $M^1L^2T^{-2}$

(b) $M^0L^1T^0$

(c) $M^1L^3T^{-2}$

(d) $M^0L^0T^0$

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Ans. c

Solution:

$$p = p_0 e^{-\frac{hc}{\lambda}}$$

$\therefore \frac{hc}{\lambda}$ is in power of ' λ ', so it will be dimensionless.

$$\left[\frac{hc}{\lambda}\right] = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

so, $[h] = [hc] = [h][c]$

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

$$\boxed{[h] = M L^3 T^{-2}}$$

Ans

unit of $h = J \cdot s$

$$[h] = [J][s]$$

$$= M L^2 T^{-2} \cdot T$$

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

$$\boxed{[c] = L T^{-1}}$$

Q) In a book, the answer for a particular question is expressed as $b = \frac{ma}{k} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{2k\ell}{ma}} \right]$
here m represents mass, a represents acceleration, ℓ represents length. The unit of b should be

(a) m/s

(b) m/s²

(c) meter

(d) sec⁻¹



Ans. c

Solution:

$$b = \frac{ma}{k} \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{2kd}{ma}} \right]$$

as; 1 is dimensionless

so; from; $\sqrt{1 + \frac{2kd}{ma}}$ is also dimensionless

as it is adding in '1' (dimensionless)

so; $\left[\frac{2kd}{ma} \right] = M^0 L^0 T^0$

$$[k] = \left[\frac{ma}{l} \right] = \frac{M L T^{-2}}{L} = M L^0 T^{-2}$$

$$\boxed{[k] = M L^0 T^{-2}}$$

And; $[b] = \left[\frac{ma}{k} \right] = \frac{[m][a]}{[k]} = \frac{M L T^{-2}}{M L^0 T^{-2}} = L'$

$\boxed{[b] = L}$ so; $\boxed{\text{unit of 'b' = meter}}$ Ans.

Q) The velocity v of a particle at time t is given by $v = at + \frac{b}{t+c}$, where a , b and c are constants. The dimensions of a , b and c are respectively:

(a) LT^{-2} , L and T

(b) L^2 , T and LT^2

(c) LT^2 , LT and L

(d) L , LT and T^2



Ans. a

Solution:

$$v = at + \frac{b}{t+c}$$

From "t+c"; $[t] = [c] \Rightarrow [c] = T$

And; $[v] = [at] = \left[\frac{b}{t+c} \right]$

so; $[at] = [v] \Rightarrow [a][t] = [v] \Rightarrow [a] = \frac{L T^{-1}}{T^{-1}}$

$$[a] = L T^{-2}$$

$$[v] = \left[\frac{b}{t+c} \right] \Rightarrow [v] = \frac{[b]}{[t]} \Rightarrow [b] = [v][t] = L T^{-1} \cdot T$$

$$[b] = L$$

$$[a] = L T^{-2}; [b] = L; [c] = T \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

Q) The time dependence of physical quantity P is given by $P = P_0 e^{-\alpha t^2 + \beta t + \gamma}$, where α , β , γ are constants and their dimensions are given by (where t is time) -

(a) $M^0 L^0 T^{-2}$, $M^0 L^0 T^{-1}$, $M^0 L^0 T^0$

(b) $M^0 L^{-1} T^{-2}$, $M^0 L^0 T^{-1}$, $M^0 L^0 T$

(c) $M^0 L^0 T^{-1}$, $M L T^{-2}$, $M^0 L^0 T^{-1}$

(d) M, L, T, $M L T^0$, $M^0 L^0 T^0$



Ans. a

Solution:

$$P = P_0 e^{-\alpha t^2 + \beta t + \gamma}$$

as; $e^x = \text{dimensionless}$

$$[P] = [P_0]$$

and power of 'e' is $-\alpha t^2 + \beta t + \gamma$

so; $-\alpha t^2 + \beta t + \gamma = \text{Dimensionless}$

so; $[\alpha t^2] = [\beta t] = [\gamma] = \text{Dimensionless} = M^0 L^0 T^0$

so; $[\alpha] [t^2] = M^0 L^0 T^0 \Rightarrow [\alpha] T^2 = M^0 L^0 T^0 \Rightarrow \boxed{[\alpha] = T^{-2}}$

And; $[\beta] [t] = M^0 L^0 T^0 \Rightarrow [\beta] T = M^0 L^0 T^0 \Rightarrow \boxed{[\beta] = T^{-1}}$

And; $[\gamma] = M^0 L^0 T^0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\gamma = \text{Dimensionless}}$ Ans.

Q) If A and B are two physical quantities having different dimensions then which of the following can't denote a new physical quantity?

(a) $A + \frac{A^3}{B}$

(b) $\exp\left(-\frac{A}{B}\right)$

(c) AB^2

(d) $\frac{A}{B^4}$



Ans. b

Solution:

As; A & B have different dimensions.

so; $\frac{A}{B}$ = will definitely have dimension.

so; in (b) $e^{-\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)}$ AS power cannot have dimension, but $\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)$ has dimension.

so; this expression can't denote a new physical quantity.

Q) A hypothetical experiment conducted to find Young's modulus $Y = \frac{T^x \tau \cos \theta}{l^3}$ where τ is torque, l is length and T is time period then find x .
[Hint: Unit of Y is N/m^2 and Torque = Force \times Perpendicular distance]

(a) 0

(b) 1

(c) -1

(d) 2



Ans. a

Solution:

as; unit of $\gamma = N/m^2$

$$\text{so, } [\gamma] = \frac{MLT^{-2}}{L^2} = ML^{-1}T^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\gamma] = ML^{-1}T^{-2}$$

$$\& z = F \cdot x \Rightarrow [z] = [F][x] \Rightarrow [z] = MLT^{-2} \cdot L$$

$$[z] = ML^2T^{-2}$$

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

& $\cos \theta = \text{dimensionless}$

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

$$\text{so, } [\gamma] = \frac{[T]^n [z]}{[r]^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow ML^{-1}T^{-2} = \frac{T^n ML^2T^{-2}}{L^3}$$

$$ML^{-1}T^{-2} = T^n ML^{-1}T^{-2}$$

$$n = 0$$

Q) While printing a book a printer made certain mistakes in the following relation.
Find the correct relation.
(y, A and x are in meter)

(a) $y = A \sin \omega\theta$

(b) $y = A \sin (\omega x + \theta)$

(c) $y = A \sin (\omega t + \theta)$

(d) $y = (A/x) \sin \omega t + \theta$



Ans. c

Solution:

(a) $y = A \sin \omega t$
as $\sin \omega t = \text{Dimensionless}$
 $[y] = [A] = M^0 L^1 T^0$
Dimensionally correct.

(b) $y = A \sin(\omega x + \theta)$
as $\sin(\omega x + \theta) = \text{Dimensionless}$
 $[y] = [A] = M^0 L^1 T^0$
Dimensionally correct.

(c) $y = A \sin(\omega t + \theta)$
as $\sin(\omega t + \theta) = \text{Dimensionless}$
 $[y] = [A] = M^0 L^1 T^0$
Dimensionally correct.

(d) $y = \frac{A}{\lambda} \sin(\omega t + \theta)$
as $\sin(\omega t + \theta) = \text{Dimensionless}$
 $[y] = M^0 L^1 T^0$
 $[\frac{A}{\lambda}] = \frac{[A]}{[\lambda]} = \frac{L}{L} = L^0$
so; $[y] \neq [\frac{A}{\lambda}]$

so, this expression is not dimensionally correct.

Q) $\int \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2at-t^2}} = a^x \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{t}{a} - 1 \right]$ The value of x is

(a) 1

(c) 0

(b) -1

(d) 2

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Ans. c

Solution:

$$\frac{dt}{\sqrt{2at - t^2}} = a^n \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{t}{a} - 1 \right]$$

as; $\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{t}{a} - 1 \right) = \text{Dimensionless}$

$dt = \text{change in time}$; $[dt] = M^0 L^0 T^1$

$$[2at] = [t^2] \Rightarrow [a][t] = [t^2] \Rightarrow [a] = [t] \Rightarrow [a] = M^0 L^0 T^1$$

$$[2at] = [t^2] = M^0 L^0 T^2$$

so;

$$\left[\frac{dt}{\sqrt{2at - t^2}} \right] = [a]^n \Rightarrow \frac{[dt]}{[2at - t^2]^{1/2}} = [a]^n$$

$$\frac{T}{[T^2]^{1/2}} = [T]^n \Rightarrow \frac{T}{T} = [T]^n$$

$$\Rightarrow T^0 = [T]^n \Rightarrow \boxed{n=0} \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

Q) If force $F = \frac{Ke^{-br}}{r^2}$ varies with distance r . Then write the dimensions of K and b

(a) ML^3T^{-2} , L^{-1}

(c) $ML^{-2}T^3$, L^{-2}

(b) $M^{-2}LT^{-3}$, L^{-1}

(d) $M^{-2}L^{-3}T^2$, L^{-2}



Ans. a

Solution:

$$F = \frac{k e^{-b\gamma}}{r^2}$$

as; $e^{-b\gamma}$ and $b\gamma$ are dimensionless

$$\Rightarrow [b\gamma] = [b][\gamma] = M^0 L^0 T^0 \Rightarrow [b] L = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$\boxed{[b] = M^0 L^{-1} T^0}$$

$$\& [F] = \frac{[k]}{[r^2]} \Rightarrow [k] = [F][r^2] = M L T^{-2} \cdot L^2$$

$$\boxed{[k] = M L^3 T^{-2}} \quad \underline{Ans}$$

Q) Let x , y and z be three physical quantities having different dimensions. Which of the following mathematical operations must be meaningless?

(a) $\frac{x}{y} = z$

(b) $\frac{xy}{x+y} = z$

(c) $x^2 y^3 = z$

(d) $x^2 + y^3 = z$



Ans. b

Solution:

if x , y and z , all have different dimensions.

so; x , y & z can't be added and subtracted directly.

$x^a + y^b + z^c$ may have some dimension for expression (d) $x^2 + y^3 = z$ may or may not be correct

But (b) $\frac{xy}{x+y} = z$; x & y can't be added.

so; (b) $\frac{xy}{x+y} = z$ must be meaningless expression.

Ans

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