

The greek alphabet الحروف اليونانية

Alpha	A	α	Nu	N	ν
Beta	B	β	Xi	Ξ	ξ
Gamma	Γ	γ	Omicron	O	o
Delta	Δ	δ	Pi	Π	π
Epsilon	E	ε	Rho	P	ρ
Zeta	Z	ζ	Sigma	Σ	σ
Eta	H	η	Tau	T	τ
Theta	Θ	θ	Upsilon	Y	υ
Iota	I	ι	Phi	Φ	ϕ
Kappa	K	κ	Chi	X	χ
Lambda	Λ	λ	Psi	Ψ	ψ
Mu	M	μ	Omega	Ω	ω

SI Prefixed (Multipliers)

Factor	Prefix	Symbol	Factor	Prefix	Symbol
10^{24}	yotta-	Y	10^{-24}	yocto-	y
10^{21}	zeta-	Z	10^{-21}	zepto-	z
10^{18}	exa-	E	10^{-18}	atto-	a
10^{15}	peta-	P	10^{-15}	femto-	f
10^{12}	tera-	T	10^{-12}	pico-	p
10^9	giga-	G	10^{-9}	nano-	n
10^6	mega-	M	10^{-6}	micro-	μ
10^3	kilo-	k	10^{-3}	milli-	m
10^2	hecta-	h	10^{-2}	centi-	c
10^1	deca-	da	10^{-1}	deci-	d

1.13:

For each quantity listed, indicate dimensions using mass as a primary dimension, and give typical SI and English units:

(a) Power

$$[\dot{W}] = \left[\frac{E}{t} \right] = \left[\frac{F d}{t} \right] = \left[\frac{ma d}{t} \right] = \frac{M \cdot L \cdot t^{-2} \cdot L}{t}$$

$$[\dot{W}] = M L^2 t^{-3}; \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{SI} : \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-3} \\ \text{EE} : \text{lb}_m \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-3} \end{array}$$

(b) Pressure

$$[P] = \left[\frac{F}{A} \right] = \left[\frac{ma}{A} \right] = M L \cdot t^{-2} \cdot L^{-2} = M L^{-1} t^{-2}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{SI} : \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \\ \text{EE} : \text{lb}_m \cdot \text{ft}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \end{array}$$

(c) Modulus of elasticity

$$[E] = \left[\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon} \right] = \left[\frac{F L_0}{A \Delta L} \right] = M \cancel{L} t^{-2} \cdot L \cdot L^{-2} \cdot \cancel{L} = M L^{-1} t^{-2}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{SI} : \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \\ \text{EE} : \text{lb}_m \cdot \text{ft}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \end{array}$$

(d) Angular velocity

$$[\omega] = \left[\frac{\text{rad}}{t} \right] = t^{-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{SI} : \text{s}^{-1} \\ \text{EE} : \text{s}^{-1} \end{array}$$

(e) Energy

$$[E] = [Fd] = MLt^{-2} \cdot L = ML^2 t^{-2}$$

$$SI : kg \cdot m^2 \cdot s^{-2}$$

$$EE : lb_m \cdot ft^2 \cdot s^{-2}$$

(f) Moment of a force

$$[M] = [Fd] = ML^2 t^{-2}$$

$$SI : kg \cdot m^2 \cdot s^{-2}$$

$$EE : lb_m \cdot ft^2 \cdot s^{-2}$$

(g) Momentum

$$[P] = [mv] = MLt^{-1}$$

$$SI : kg \cdot m \cdot s^{-1}$$

$$EE : lb_m \cdot ft \cdot s^{-1}$$

(h) Shear stress

$$[\tau] = [P] = ML^{-1} t^{-2}$$

$$SI : kg \cdot m^{-1} \cdot s^{-2}$$

$$EE : lb_m \cdot ft^{-1} \cdot s^{-2}$$

(i) Strain

$$[\epsilon] = \left[\frac{\Delta L}{L_0} \right] = \frac{L}{L} = 1$$

Dimensionless

(j) Angular momentum

$$[H] = [P d] = [m v d] = M L t^{-1} L = M L^2 t^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} SI &: \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \\ EE &: \text{lb}_m \cdot \text{ft} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

1.17:

Express the following in SI units:

(a) $7.5 \text{ acre} \cdot \text{ft}$

$$1 \text{ acre} = 4047 \text{ m}^2$$

$$1 \text{ ft} = 0.3048 \text{ m}$$

$$7.5 \cancel{\text{acre}} \cdot \cancel{\text{ft}} \times \frac{0.3048 \text{ m}}{1 \cancel{\text{ft}}} \times \frac{4047 \text{ m}^2}{1 \cancel{\text{acre}}} = 9251.44 \text{ m}^3$$

(b) $190 \text{ in}^3/\text{s}$

$$1 \text{ in} = 0.0254 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{190 \cancel{\text{in}^3}}{1 \text{ sec}} \times \frac{0.0254^3 \text{ m}^3}{1 \cancel{\text{in}^3}} = 3.114 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

(c) 5 gpm

$$1 \text{ gal} = 0.003785 \text{ m}^3$$

$$\frac{5 \cancel{\text{gal}}}{1 \cancel{\text{min}}} \times \frac{0.003785 \text{ m}^3}{1 \cancel{\text{gal}}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{min}}}{60 \text{ sec}} = 3.154 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{sec}}$$

(d) 5 mph/s

1 mile = 5280 ft

1 ft = 0.3048 m

$$\frac{5 \cancel{\text{mi}}}{\cancel{\text{hr}} \text{ s}} * \frac{5280 \cancel{\text{ft}}}{1 \cancel{\text{mi}}} * \frac{0.3048 \text{ m}}{1 \cancel{\text{ft}}} * \frac{1 \cancel{\text{hr}}}{60 * 60 \text{ s}} = 2.2352 \text{ m/s}^2$$

1.27:

In chapter 9 we will study aerodynamics and learn that the drag force F_D on a body is given by

$$F_D = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A C_D$$

Hence the drag depends on speed V , fluid density ρ , and body size (indicated by frontal area A) and shape (indicated by drag coefficient C_D). What are the dimensions of C_D ?

Solution

$$C_D = \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A}$$

$$[C_D] = \left[\frac{F_D}{\rho V^2 A} \right] = \left[\frac{ma}{\rho V^2 A} \right]$$

$$[C_D] = \left[\frac{\cancel{M} L t^{-2}}{\cancel{M} L^{-3} \cdot L^2 t^{-2} \cdot L^2} \right]$$

$$[C_D] = \left[\frac{\cancel{L} \cancel{t^2}}{\cancel{L} \cancel{t^2}} \right] = 1$$

Dimensionless

An important equation in the theory of vibrations is

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + c \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = f(t)$$

where m (kg) is the mass and x (m) is the position at time t (s). For a dimensionally consistent equation, what are the dimensions of c , k , and f ? What would be suitable units for c , k , and f in the SI and BG systems?

Solution

$$\left[m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} \right] = [ma] = M L t^{-2} \quad \left[kx \right] = [k] L$$

$$\left[c \frac{dx}{dt} \right] = [c v] = [c] L t^{-1}$$

* Dimensional Consistency dictate every term to have the same dimensions

$$[c] L t^{-1} = M L t^{-2} \Rightarrow [c] = \frac{M L t^{-2}}{L t^{-1}} = M t^{-1} \neq$$

$$[k] L = M L t^{-2} \Rightarrow [k] = M t^{-2} \neq$$

$$[f] = M L t^{-2} \neq$$

	SI	BG
c	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$	$\text{slug} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
k	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$	$\text{slug} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$
f	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$	$\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$