

## Unit and dimension. (L-2)

Q1. What do you understand by dimensions. (definition)?

A1. Dimensions of a physical quantity are the powers to which the basic quantity are raised to represent that quantity.

Eg. Force = mass  $\times$   $\frac{\text{velocity}}{\text{time}} = \text{mass} \times \frac{\text{length}}{(\text{time})^2}$

$$v = \frac{l}{t}$$
$$= (\text{mass}) \times \text{length} \times (\text{time})^{-2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The dimension of force are 1 in mass, 1 in length and -2 in time.

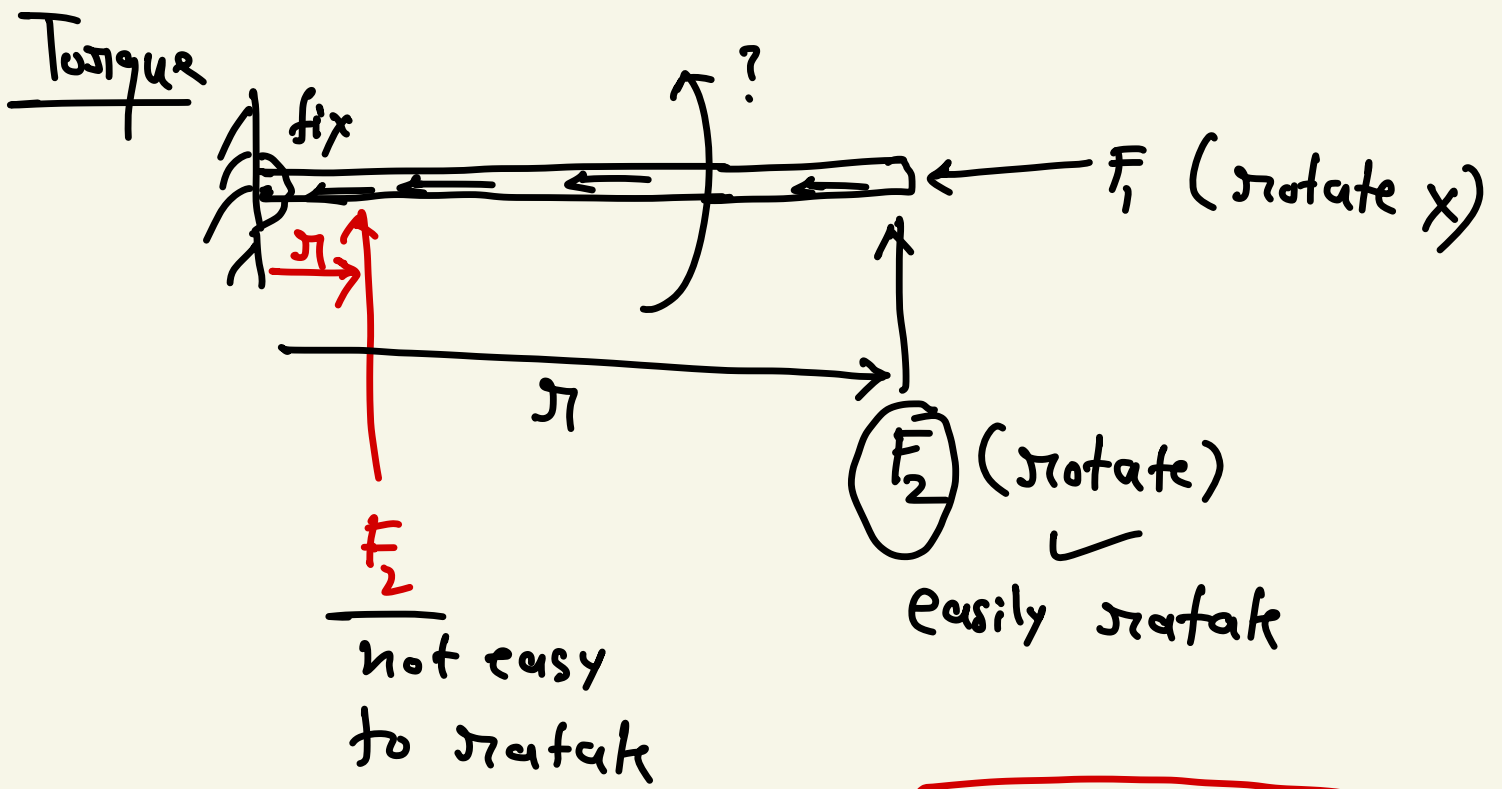
Q2 Dimensional formula of torque?

$\tau \leftarrow$  (torque = force  $\cdot$  distance.) ( $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$ )

sol  $F = M^1 L^1 T^{-2}$   $\} \text{ dist} = L^2$

$$\tau = M^1 L^2 T^{-2}$$

Ans



$$\tau = \tau F \sin \theta$$

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(i) Gravitational const

$$F = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$G = \left[ \frac{m^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}}{m^2} \right]$$

(ii) Surface tension.

$$= \left( \frac{F}{l} \right)$$

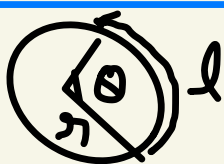
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Tension is a force ( $m L^{-1} T^{-2}$ )

important point about dimension

(i) Angles & trigonometric fn are dimensionless



$$\theta = \frac{l}{r}$$

$$\frac{L^1}{L^1} = L^0 \text{ (no-dim)}$$

Ex \* Sin θ = no dimension.

Ex Sin(ax) (θ = ax) where a is const  
and x is length.  
find d.F. of a?

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Sol<sup>n</sup>. Sin(θ = ax)  
↳ dimension less

means.

$$ax = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$a(L) = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$a = \frac{M^0 L^0 T^0}{L^1} = M^0 L^{-1} T^0$$

$$a = L^{-1}$$

Ans. (clear?)

Ex

Sin( $\frac{kx}{t}$ )  
x → length  
t → time. d.F. of k?

Sol<sup>n</sup>.

$$\frac{k(L)}{T^1} = M^0 L^0 T^0 \Rightarrow k = L^{-1} T^1 M^0$$

Qs

$\frac{\sin(a+x)}{x_2}$  .  $a \rightarrow (d.F)?$

Sol

length + mass = not possible

\* length + length = possible.

$x \rightarrow$  length,  $a$  must be length.

$a = L$  Ans.

$\frac{\sin\left(\frac{a+x}{x_2}\right)}{\text{length}} = \text{dim}^n \text{-less}$

(ii) All the exponents are  $\text{dim}^n$ -less.

$a$ ,  $at^2 \rightarrow$  no-dimension. find d.F of  $a$ ?  
 $(2 \cdot 14)$  metres meaningless. Sol<sup>n</sup>.  
 $at^2 = m^0 L^0 T^0$   
 $a (T^2) = m^0 L^0 T^0$

$a = T^{-2}$

(iii) Log function are dimensionless

Ans.

$\log(a \cdot b) = \log a + \log b$   $a = m^0 L^0 T^0$

# Application of dimensional analysis

1st :- To cheque the correction of an equation.

eg

$$V = u + at$$

$\downarrow$        $\downarrow$        $\downarrow$   
 $(\frac{m}{s})$      $(\frac{m}{s})$        $\rightarrow$

a = acceleration

t → time

V & u are velocity

$$\frac{m}{s^2} \times s = (\frac{m}{s})$$

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Find dimensional formula of A, B, C?

$$V = \frac{Ax}{C + At}$$

Velocity ← V

x = distance

t = time.

Sol<sup>n</sup>.

This must be velocity

$$\frac{L}{T} = A \cdot (L)$$

$$At = (T^{-1}) (T) = T^0$$

$$(T^{-1} = A) \text{ Ans.}$$

dimension of C will be same as At ⇒ T<sup>0</sup> Ans.

$$B = ? \left[ \frac{Bt}{(\text{no-dimension})} = \text{velocity} \right] \rightarrow L T^{-1}$$

$$B(t) = L^1 T^{-1}$$

$$B(T^1) = L^1 T^{-1}$$

$$\boxed{B = L^1 T^{-2}}$$

Qr H.w. (i)  $a = Ax^2 + Bt + ABC$

↓  
acceleration,  $x \rightarrow$  distance,  $t \rightarrow$  time.

find  $[A]$ ,  $[B]$ ,  $[C]$ .

Ans -  $[A] = L^{-1} T^{-2}$

$$[B] = L^1 T^{-3}$$

$$[C] = L T^3$$

Check yourself.

(ii)  $a = \sqrt{\pi A t}$   
↓  
dimensionless

$t =$  time  
 $a =$  acceleration.

Ans  $[A] = L^2 T^{-5}$

(iii)  $x = \frac{A}{B} (1 + e^{Bt})$

Ans  $[A] = L^1 T^{-1}$

$$[B] = L^{-1}$$









