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$1^{\text {st }}$ Year Common Base NLS
Module: Physics
Tutorial Series No. 1
Mathematical Remainder
Part I: Dimensional Analysis

## Exercise 1:

Complete the following table:

| Physical Quantity | Symbol of the <br> Quantity | Formula used | dimension | Unite (SI) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Area |  |  |  |  |
| Volume |  |  |  |  |
| Mass density |  |  |  |  |
| Velocity |  |  |  |  |
| Acceleration |  |  |  |  |
| Force |  |  |  |  |
| Pressure |  |  |  |  |
| Energy |  |  |  |  |
| Power |  |  |  |  |

2. The unit of force in the International System is the Newton, while in the CGS system, it is the dyne. Find the ratio between the two units of force.

## Exercise 2:

The attractive force between two material points of masses $m$ and $m^{\prime}$, separated by a distance $r$, is given by the magnitude of Newton's law:

$$
F=G \cdot \frac{m \cdot m^{\prime}}{r^{2}}
$$

Here, G is the gravitational constant.

1. What is the dimension of the gravitational constant?
2. Deduce its unit in the SI system.

## Exercise 3:

Are the following expressions homogeneous, that is, physically acceptable?

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a) $m_{1}^{2}-m_{2}=m^{3}$
b) $m_{1} \cdot l_{1}=m_{2} \cdot l_{2} \cdot e^{-t_{1}}$
c) $\frac{l_{1}}{l_{2}}=\ln \left(\frac{t_{1}}{t_{2}}\right)$
d) $m_{1} \cdot \cos \left(\frac{l_{1} t_{1}}{l_{2} t_{2}}\right)=m_{2} \cdot e^{-\frac{t_{1}}{t_{2}}}$

Here, $\boldsymbol{l}_{\mathbf{i}}$ represents a length, $\boldsymbol{m}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$ represents a mass, and $\boldsymbol{t}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$ represents time.

## Exercise 4 :

1. The experiment demonstrates that the force exerted by a liquid on a submerged sphere is proportional to the radius of the sphere ( R ) and its linear velocity (v). Its expression is written as: $F=6 \pi \eta^{x} R^{y} v^{z}$, where $\eta$ is a dimensional coefficient $[\eta]=\mathrm{ML}^{-1} \mathrm{~T}^{-1}$. Find the values of $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}$, and z .
2. When the velocity is somewhat high, the force expression becomes $\mathrm{F}=\mathrm{kSv}^{2}$, where k is a constant and $S$ is the surface area of the large circle. Determine the dimensions of the constant k .

## Part II: Uncertainty Calculation

## Exercise 1:

Five students took turns measuring the diameter of a compact disc, and they recorded their results in the following table:

| Student 1 | Student 2 | Student 3 | Student 4 | Student 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 120.5 mm | 119.0 mm | 119.7 mm | 118.9 mm | 120.0 mm |

1. Provide the result of this set of measurements using two different methods.
2. What is the measurement precision in each case?

## Exercise 2:

The electrical resistivity $(\rho)$ of a cylindrical wire with length 1 , diameter $D$, and resistance $(R)$ is given by the relation:

$$
\rho=\frac{\pi \cdot R \cdot D^{2}}{4 \cdot l}
$$

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Provide the uncertainty in electrical resistivity ( $\rho$ ) using:
a. The total differential method.
b. The logarithmic method.

Calculate $\rho$, the absolute uncertainty $(\Delta \rho)$, and provide the measurement precision $(\Delta \rho / \rho)$.

Given for numerical application:
$l=(2,0000 \pm 0,0001) \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{R}=(2,4562 \pm 0,0002) \Omega, \mathrm{D}=(2,30 \pm 0,01) \mathrm{mm}$. Assume these values are known exactly.

