

WS-2 Principle of homogeneity

Thrust

① Given that $F = at^{-1} + bt^2$

Acc to homogeneity principle

$$[at^{-1}] = [F] ; [bt^2] = [F]$$

$$\Rightarrow [a][t]^{-1} = [F] ; [b][t]^2 = [F]$$

$$\Rightarrow [a] T^{-1} = M L T^{-2} ; [b] T^2 = M L T^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [a] = M L T^{-1} ; [b] = \frac{M L T^{-2}}{T^2}$$

$$[b] = M L T^{-4}$$

③ The velocity of a body is given by $v = \frac{A}{B}(1 - e^{-Bt})$

exponential term are dimensionless quantities.

$$\therefore [e^{-Bt}] = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$\Rightarrow [Bt] = 1 \Rightarrow [B][t] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [B] T = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [B] = \frac{1}{T} = T^{-1}$$

④ Given $s = a + bt + ct^2$

where 's' is displacement

According to homogeneity principle.

$$\Rightarrow [a] = [s] ; [bt] = [s] ; [ct^2] = [s]$$

$$\Rightarrow [a] = L \Rightarrow [b][t] = [s] ; [c][t^2] = [s]$$

$$\Rightarrow [b] T = L ; [c] T^2 = L$$

$$\Rightarrow [b] = L T^{-1} ; [c] = L T^{-2}$$

⑤ Given $v = \frac{A}{B}(1 - e^{-Bt})$ Acc to homogeneity rule

$$[\frac{A}{B}] = [v]$$

From Problem 3 we have $[B] = T^{-1}$

$$\therefore \frac{[A]}{[B]} = L T^{-1} \Rightarrow \frac{[A]}{T^{-1}} = L T^{-1} \Rightarrow [A] = L T^{-1} T^{-1}$$



⑦ Given $F = A \cos Bx + c \sin Dt$

All trigonometric functions are dimensionless quantities

$$\therefore [\cos Bx] = M^0 L^0 T^0 ; [\sin Dt] = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$\Rightarrow [Bx] = 1 ; [Dt] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [B] L = 1 ; [D] T = 1$$

$$[B] L = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [B] = L^{-1} ; [D] = T^{-1}$$

Acc to homogeneity Principle

$$\therefore [A \cos Bx] = [F] \quad [c \sin Dt] = [F]$$

$$\Rightarrow [A] [\cos Bx] = M L T^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [c] [\sin Dt] = M L T^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [A] = M L T^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [c] = M L T^{-2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{A}{c} = \frac{M L T^{-2}}{M L T^{-2}} = 1 = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$\frac{D}{B} = \frac{T^{-1}}{L^{-1}} = L T^{-1} \text{ i.e. } M^0 L T^{-1}$$

⑨ Given $s = \frac{1}{2} f t^3$ where 's' is displacement

't' is time.
Any numerical has no dimensions.

$$\therefore [s] = [f t^3] \Rightarrow [s] = [f] [t]^3$$

$$\Rightarrow L = [f] T^3$$

$$\Rightarrow [f] = L T^{-3} \text{ or } M^0 L T^{-3}$$

⑩ Given $p = \frac{A}{B} \log(Bx^2 + c)$

logarithmic functions are dimensionless quantities

$$\text{i.e. } [Bx^2 + c] = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$\Rightarrow [Bx^2] = M^0 L^0 T^0 \text{ and } [c] = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

Because acc to homogeneity Principle two quantities can be added (or) subtracted if they have same dimension

$$\therefore [B][x^2] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [B] L^2 = 1 \Rightarrow [B] = L^{-2}$$

and $\left[\frac{A}{B}\right] = [P]$ where 'P' is Pressure
 $[P] = M L^{-1} T^{-2}$

$$\therefore \frac{[A]}{[B]} = M L^{-1} T^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [A] = [B] M L^{-1} T^{-2} \Rightarrow [A] = L^{-2} M L^{-1} T^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [A] = M L^{-3} T^{-2}$$

(12) Given $P = P_0 e^{-\alpha t^2}$
 Here exponential terms are dimensionless quantities

$$\therefore [\alpha t^2] = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$\Rightarrow [\alpha][t^2] = 1 \Rightarrow [\alpha] T^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [\alpha] = T^{-2}$$

(14) Given equation $v = at^2 + b$

Acc to homogeneity principle $[at^2] = [v]$

and $[b] = [v]$

$$[b] = L T^{-1}$$

so unit for $b = m \text{ sec}^{-1}$

$$[a][t^2] = L T^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow [a] T^2 = L T^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow [a] = L T^{-3}$$

unit of $a = m \text{ sec}^{-3}$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{b} = \frac{m \text{ sec}^{-3}}{m \text{ sec}^{-1}} = \text{sec}^{-2}$$

(15) Given velocity $v = at + \frac{b}{t+c}$

Acc to homogeneity principle two quantities can be added or subtracted if they have same dimensions.

(i.e) Here t & c are adding so

$$[c] = [t] \Rightarrow [c] = T$$

$$[at] = [v]$$

$$\Rightarrow [a][t] = L T^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow [a] T = L T^{-1}$$

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

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

$$\frac{[b]}{[t+c]} = [v]$$

$$\frac{[b]}{T} = L T^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow [b] = L T^{-1} T$$

$$\Rightarrow [b] = L$$

⑩ Given $x = at + bt^2$

According to homogeneity principle

$$[at] = [x] : [bt^2] = [x]$$

$$\Rightarrow [b][t^2] = [x]$$

$$\Rightarrow [b]T^2 = L$$

$$\Rightarrow [b] = LT^{-2} \text{ so unit of } b \text{ is } \frac{m}{s^2}$$

⑪ Given $[P + \frac{a}{v^2}][V - b] = \text{constant}$

Acc to homogeneity principle

two quantities can be added or

subtracted if they have same dimensions.

$$\therefore [\frac{a}{v^2}] = [P] \quad [velocity] = LT^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{[a]}{[v]^2} = [P] \Rightarrow [a] = [P][v]^2$$

$$= ML^{-1}T^{-2}(LT^{-1})^2$$

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

$$[a] = MLT^{-4}$$

$\therefore$ unit of a is $kg \cdot m/s^4$

⑫ Given equation $F = at + bt^2$

$$[Force] = MLT^{-2}$$

Acc to homogeneity principle

$$[at] = [F]$$

$$\Rightarrow [a][t] = [F]$$

$$\Rightarrow [a]T = MLT^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [a] = MLT^{-3}$$

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① Given equation $w = as + \frac{b}{(c-s)^2}$

Acc to homogeneity principle two quantities can be added (or) subtracted if they have same dimensions.

∴ Here c & s are subtracting means

$$[c] = [s] \Rightarrow [c] = L$$

and also $[as] = [w] \quad ; \quad \left[\frac{b}{(c-s)^2} \right] = [w]$

$$\Rightarrow [a][s] = [w] \quad ; \quad \frac{[b]}{[(c-s)]^2} = [w]$$

$$\Rightarrow [a] \times = M L^2 T^{-2}$$

$$\frac{[b]}{L^2} = M L^2 T^{-2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow [b] = M L^2 T^{-2} \times L^2$$

$$\Rightarrow [b] = M L^4 T^{-2}$$

③ Given Pressure $p = \frac{(A-t^2)}{B S}$

∴ From homogeneity principle two quantities can be added (or) subtracted when they have same dimensions. Here A & t^2 are subtracting means

$$[A] = [t^2] \Rightarrow [A] = T^2$$

④ Given equation $y = A \sin \left(kt - \frac{x}{\lambda} \right)$

Any trigonometric function is dimensionless quantity.

$$\therefore \left[\sin \left(kt - \frac{x}{\lambda} \right) \right] = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$\therefore [kt] = M^0 L^0 T^0 \Rightarrow [k][t] = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$\Rightarrow [k] T = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

$$\Rightarrow [k] = M^0 L^0 T^{-1}$$

⑤ The velocity of the body is $v = \frac{p}{a}(1 - e^{at})$

ie) $v = \frac{p}{a} - \frac{p}{a} e^{at}$

∴ According to homogeneity principle

$$\left[\frac{p}{a}\right] = [v]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{p}{a}\right] = M^0 L T^{-1}$$

⑥ Here Pressure $P = \frac{A - x^2}{Bt}$

Here A & x^2 are subtracting. This is possible only if they have same dimensions.

$$\therefore [A] = [x^2] \Rightarrow [A] = L^2 \text{ or } M^0 L^2 T^0$$

⑦ Given force = $\frac{x}{\text{density}} + y$

From homogeneity principle $\frac{[x]}{[\text{density}]} = [\text{force}]$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{[x]}{M L^{-3}} = M L T^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] = M L^{-3} M L T^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] = M^2 L^{-2} T^{-2}$$

and $[y] = [\text{force}] \Rightarrow [y] = M L T^{-2}$

⑧ Given $s = A(1 - e^{-Bxt})$

Any exponential term is dimensionless quantity.

ie) $[e^{-Bxt}] = M^0 L^0 T^0$

$$\Rightarrow [Bxt] = 1 \Rightarrow [B][x][t] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [B] L T = 1$$

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

So the unit of B is $m^{-1} s^{-1}$