

System of units

Set of fundamental and derived units
CGS – Centimeter, Gram, Second
FPS – Foot, Pound, Second
MKS– Metre, Kilogram, Second S.I
– System International
(Internationally accepted)

Derived Units

* The units which are derived from fundamental units are called derived units.
* Physical quantities like speed acceleration have derived units like m/s , m/s^2

Fundamental Units

Mass, length, time, temperature, electric current, luminous intensity and amount of substance have fundamental units. Kilogram, metre, second, Kelvin, ampere, candela and mol respectively.

Supplementary Units

Quantities plane angle and solid angle have radian and steradian as units

Properties

Universal acceptance Non perishable
Well defined
Does not change with time

* Comparison with a certain internationally accepted reference standard is called unit
* Reference standard use to measure physical quantities.

Types

Multiplication or Division

If $Z = A/B$
 $\frac{\Delta Z}{Z} = \left(\frac{\Delta A}{A} \right) + \left(\frac{\Delta B}{B} \right)$

Sum of Difference

$\pm \Delta Z = \pm \Delta A \pm \Delta B$

Unit

Measure Quantity raised to the power

If $Z = A^p \times B^q / C^r$
 $\frac{\Delta Z}{Z} = p \left(\frac{\Delta A}{A} \right) + q \left(\frac{\Delta B}{B} \right) + r \left(\frac{\Delta C}{C} \right)$

Combination of Errors in

Units and Measurements

Error = True Value – Measured Value

Types

Measurement

Significant Figures

All non-zero digits
All zero between two non-zero digits
If the number is less than 1, the zero(s) on the right of decimal point but to the left of the non-digit zero are not significant.
Terminal or trailing zero (s) in a number without a decimal point are not significant
e.g In 020342.010
Here 20342.01 are significant

Dimensions of Physical Quantities

Expression which shows how and which of the base quantities represent the dimensions of a physical quantity is called dimension formula.
e.g:- Force = $[MLT^{-2}]$

Precision

Limit of resolution of quantity measured.

Accuracy

Closeness of the measured value to the true value

Absolute Error

$$\Delta a_n = a_n - a_{\text{mean}}$$

$$a_{\text{mean}} = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}$$

Relative Error

$$= \frac{\Delta a_{\text{mean}}}{a_{\text{mean}}}$$

$$\Delta a_{\text{mean}} = \frac{(|\Delta a_1| + |\Delta a_2| + \dots + |\Delta a_n|)}{n}$$

Percentage Error

$$\delta a = \frac{\Delta a_{\text{mean}}}{a_{\text{mean}}} \times 100$$