

UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

- 1) We define v as dx/dt and we define a as dv/dt . What are their units of measurement?
- 2) $F = m \cdot a$ What are the units for force (F)? These are also known as newtons (N).
- 3) $PE_{spring} = \frac{1}{2} k \cdot x^2$ What are the units for spring constant (k)?
- 4) $F_{spring} = -k \cdot x$ What are the units for spring constant (k)? Do these match?
- 5) $F_{elec} = q \cdot E$ What are the units for electric field (E)? (q is measured in coulombs, C)
- 6) $E = \frac{k_e \cdot q}{r^2}$ What are the units for the electrical constant (k_e)?
- 7) $F_{mag} = q v B \sin \theta$ What are the units for magnetic field (B)? These are known as teslas (T).
- 8) $F_{grav} = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$ What are the units for the gravitational constant (G)? Compare to k_e .
- 9) $I = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta t}$ What are the units for electrical current (I)? These are also known as amps (A).
- 10) $V = \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta q}$ What are the units for potential (V)? These are also known as volts (V).
- 11) $V = I \cdot R$ What are the units for resistance (R)? These are also known as ohms (Ω).
- 12) What units do you get if you multiply amps times volts? What does this mean?
- 13) Convert 1 g/cm^3 , the density of water, to kg/m^3 .

DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS

For each formula, check if the units “match up” on both sides of the equation. If not, suggest a small change to the formula that makes it work.

$$14) \quad F = \frac{m \cdot v}{r}$$

$$15) \quad v = \frac{F}{\left(\frac{\Delta m}{\Delta x} \right)}$$

$$16) \quad \frac{\Delta \text{volume}}{\Delta t} = \frac{v}{\text{area}}$$

17) If the units on both sides of an equation *do* match up, does that guarantee that the equation is true? If yes, explain why; if no, find a counterexample.

SCIENTIFIC NOTATION

Evaluate each expression by hand *and* by calculator – make sure you know how to do both! and compare the results. If they don't match, do not automatically trust one method over the other – check your steps for *both* methods and figure out what went wrong. Write your answers in scientific notation, and include units when appropriate.

$$18) \quad (5 \times 10^3 \text{ m}) \times (6.2 \times 10^4 \text{ m}^2) =$$

$$19) \quad (3 \times 10^4 \text{ m})^3 =$$

$$20) \quad \frac{(2.4 \times 10^2 \text{ kg})}{(8 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^3)} =$$

$$21) \quad (4.18 \times 10^2 \text{ kJ}) + (7.9 \times 10^4 \text{ J}) =$$

22) Given the following information, find the gravitational force between Sun and Earth.

Try estimating without a calculator first by rounding off the numbers!

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^2} \quad m_{\text{Earth}} = 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg} \quad m_{\text{Sun}} = 1.99 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg} \quad r = 9.4 \times 10^8 \text{ km}$$