# Cheatography

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#### Fundamental or Base Quanitites

The quantities which do not depend upon other quantities for their complete definition are known as **fundamental** or **base quantities**. e.g.: length, mass, time, etc.

#### Derived Quantities

The quantities which can be expressed in terms of the fundamental quantities are known as **derived quantities**.

e.g.: Speed = distance/time, Volume = length\*breadth

### Units of Physical Quantities

The chosen reference standard of measurement in multiples of which, a physical quantity is expressed is called the **unit** of the quantity.

e.g.: Physical Quantity = Numerical Value x Unit

## Length Conversion

Mass Conversion

Metric to American

1kg

1g

1oz

1lb

1cwt 1ton

1tonne

American

Metric to American	
2.54cm	1in
American	
12 inches (in)	1 foot (ft)
3 feet (ft)	1 yard (yd)
220 yards (yd)	1 furlong (fur)
8 furlongs (fur)	1 mile
1 mile	1760 yd, 5280 ft, 63360 in

2.2046lbs

0.0353oz

16dr

16oz 100lbs

1000kg

20cwt, 2000lbs

SI Base Units		
Base Unit	Unit	Symbol
Length	Meter	m
Mass	Kilogram	kg
Time	Second	S
Temperature	Kelvin	k
Electric Current	Ampere	А
Intensity of Light	Candela	cd
Amount of Substance	Mole	mol

#### Prefixes for Different Powers of 10

Power of 10	Prefix	Symbol	Power of 10	Prefix	Symbol
10 <sup>18</sup>	exa	Е	10 <sup>-1</sup>	deci	d
10 <sup>15</sup>	peta	Р	10 <sup>-2</sup>	centi	С
10 <sup>12</sup>	tera	Т	10 <sup>-3</sup>	milli	m
10 <sup>9</sup>	giga	G	10 <sup>-6</sup>	micro	m
10 <sup>6</sup>	mega	Μ	10 <sup>-9</sup>	nano	n
10 <sup>3</sup>	kilo	k	10 <sup>-12</sup>	pico	р
10 <sup>2</sup>	hecto	h	10 <sup>-15</sup>	femto	f
10 <sup>1</sup>	deca	da	10 <sup>-18</sup>	atto	а

### **Dimensional Formula**

The relation which expresses physical quantities in terms of appropriate powers of fundamental quantities.

#### Use of Dimensional Analysis

To check the dimensional correctness of a given physical relation.

To derive relationship between different physical quantities.

To convert units of a physical quantity from one system to another.

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