

Conversions and Unit Analysis

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Conversions

(Using T-Charts and Metric Conversions)

- Convert 45.0 cm/min to m/s.

$$\frac{45.0 \cancel{\text{cm}}}{1 \cancel{\text{MIN}}} \times \frac{1 \text{ (M)}}{100 \cancel{\text{cm}}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{MIN}}}{60 \text{ S}} = 0.0075 \text{ m/s}$$

- Convert 32 km/hr to m/s.

$$\frac{32 \cancel{\text{km}}}{1 \cancel{\text{HR}}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ (M)}}{1 \cancel{\text{km}}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{HR}}}{60 \cancel{\text{MIN}}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{MIN}}}{60 \text{ S}} = 8.9 \text{ m/s}$$

1 m = 100 cm
 1 m = 1000 mm
 1 km = 1000 m
 1 MILE = 1609 m
 1 kg = 1000 g
 1 MIN = 60 s
 1 HOUR = 60 MIN
 1 DAY = 24 HOUR
 1 YEARS = 365.25 DAY

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Unit Analysis to Find Physical Quantity of Slope



■ Slope

$$\frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta Y}{\Delta X} = \frac{Y_2 - Y_1}{X_2 - X_1}$$

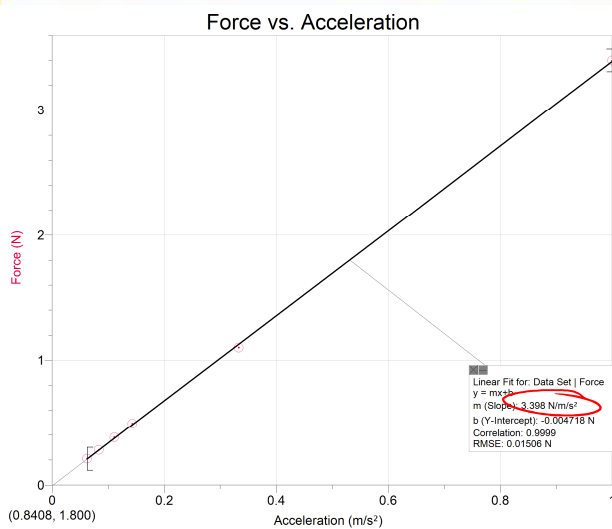
$$\frac{\Delta Y}{\Delta X} = \frac{M}{S}$$

Slope \Rightarrow VELOCITY

Quantity	Units
Force	N or kg m/s ²
Acceleration	m/s ²
Mass	kg
Velocity	m/s
Distance	m
Time	s
Energy	J or kg m ² /s ²

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Unit Analysis to Find Physical Quantity of Slope



■ Slope

$$\frac{\Delta Y}{\Delta X} = \frac{N}{m/s^2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta Y}{\Delta X} = \frac{kg \cdot m/s^2}{m/s^2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta Y}{\Delta X} = kg \Rightarrow \text{MASS}$$

Quantity	Units
Force	N or kg m/s ²
Acceleration	m/s ²
Mass	kg
Velocity	m/s
Distance	m
Time	s
Energy	J or kg m ² /s ²

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Unit Analysis to Find a Possible Equation.

■ $v = v_0 + at^3$

$$\frac{m}{s} = \frac{m}{s} + \left[\left(\frac{m}{s^3} \right) (s^3) \right]$$

$$\frac{m}{s} = \frac{m}{s} + m \quad \text{Not VALID}$$

■ $x = v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$m = \left[\left(\frac{m}{s} \right) (s) \right] + \left[\left(\frac{m}{s^2} \right) (s^2) \right]$$

$$m = m + m \quad \text{VALID}$$

■ $U_g = mgh$

Pot. Energy \rightarrow HEIGHT
acc. OF GRAV.

$$J = (kg) \left(\frac{m}{s^2} \right) (m) \quad \text{VALID}$$

$$= kg \left(\frac{m^2}{s^2} \right)$$

Quantity	Units
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<u>Acceleration</u>	m/s ²
Mass	kg
Velocity	m/s
Distance	m
Time	s
Energy	<u>J or kg m²/s²</u>