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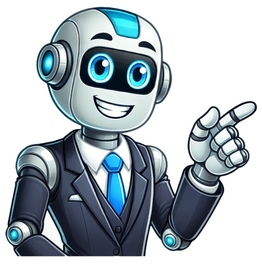

Fundamental and derived units are essential components of the measurement system in physics. Fundamental units are the standard units used to measure basic quantities like length (meter), mass (kilogram), and time (second). These units are independent and form the foundation of all measurements. Derived units, on the other hand, are obtained from combinations of fundamental units through mathematical relationships. Examples include speed (meters per second) and force (newton). Together, they enable accurate and consistent scientific measurements.History of MeasurementBefore humans created a standardized system of measurement, many cultures utilized local traditions for measuring objects. These are as follows: The Cubit - This measurement originated in Egypt about 3000 B.C. It was used to build pyramids. The Fathom - It is a unit of length in the imperial and the U.S. customary systems equal to 6 feet (1.8288 m). The Hand-Span - It is the distance between the tip of the smallest finger and the tip of the thumb. We still use this to measure the height of horses. Need for Measurement We all know that Physics is a branch of Science that deals with the study of nature and natural phenomena. Let's say I drop a ball from a certain height; it falls freely on the ground.Being a physics enthusiast to understand this natural phenomenon; I will search for answers to the following questions:Why did this ball fall on the ground? At what speed does an object fall? Is the velocity of a ball constant? How much will it take for a ball to reach the ground? Is the velocity of a body directly related to its mass?To get a precise answer to these questions, measuring the quantities like distance, velocity, and time becomes essential. A System of UnitsThe system of units is the complete set of units, both fundamental units, and derived units, for all kinds of physical quantities. Each system is named with reference to fundamental units on which it is based. The common system of units utilized in mechanics are as follows: The F.P.S or Foot-Pound System: A British engineering system of units that use the foot as the unit of measurement of length, and pound as the unit of mass, and the second as the unit of time. The C.G.S or Centimeter-Gram-Second System: A Gaussian system that uses centimeter, gram, and second as the three basic units for length, mass, and time respectively. The M.K.S or Meter-Kilogram-Second System: The fundamental units of length, mass, and time are meter, kilogram, and second respectively.Fundamental and Derived UnitsThe quantities which we can measure directly or indirectly are known as physical quantities. Fundamental units are the basic units of measurement that serve as the foundation for all other derived units in physics.For example, distance, displacement, momentum, etc.The Physical Quantities are Divided into Two Categories: Fundamental quantities, and Derived quantitiesFundamental QuantitiesThe physical quantities that do not depend upon the other quantities are the fundamental quantities.There are Seven Fundamental Quantities S.noBase Quantity SI Basic Unit 1. Length Metre 2. Mass Kg 3. Time Second 4. Current Ampere 5. Temperature Kelvin 6. Luminous Intensity Candela 7. Amount of substance Mole 8. Plane angle Radian 9. Solid angle Steradian Row 8, and 9: Two supplementary units on the SI system are: The Radian - It is the unit of a plane angle. One radian is the angle subtended by the centre of a circle by an arc and is equal in length to the radius of a circle. The Steradian - It is the unit of solid angle. One steradian is the solid angle subtended at the centre of a sphere, by the surface of a sphere which is equal in area to the square of its radius. Derived Quantities The physical quantities that depend upon the fundamental quantities are known as the derived quantities. Let's take examples of derived units: Derived Units Table: The Table Shows the List of Derived Units Quantity Formula SI Derived Unit Density Mass/Volume Kgm-1 Velocity Distance/Time ms-1Acceleration Change in velocity/Time ms-2 Area Side x Side m2 Force Mass x Acceleration Work Energy Force x Displacement Power/Time Kg. m.s-2Current density J = I/A A.m-2 Pressure, Stress Force/Area Kg.m-1.s-2Some Important Practical Units 1. In macrocosm measurements, i.e., measurement of very large distances: Astronomical units (A.U.) It is the average distance of the center of the sun from the center of the earth. 1 A.U. = 1.496 x 1011m ≃ 1.5 x 1011m One light-year is the distance traveled by light in a vacuum in one Earth year. As the speed of light in a vacuum is 3 x 108 m/s, and 1 year = 365 x 24 x 60 x 60 seconds. Therefore, one light-year = 3 x 108 x 365 x 24 x 60 x 60 meter 1 ly = 9.46 x 1015meter It is the unit of long distances and represents the parallactic seconds. Parsec is the distance at which 1 A.U. a long arc subtends an angle of 1". As 1 A.U. = 1.496 x 1011m, and Θ = 1/60 min = 1/60 x 60 degree = 1/60 x 60 x π/180 radian Since the radius of an arc, r = length of an arc (l)/angle subtended (Θ) Therefore, 1 parsec = 1 A.U./1 sec = (1.496 x 1011) x (60 x 60 x 180)/(π) So, 1 parsec = 3.1 x 1016mThe Evolution of Measurement The concept of measurement is one of the most fundamental concepts in scientific theory. Scientists would have a difficult time conducting experiments and forming theories if they did not have the ability to measure their results. The word "measurement" is derived from the Greek word "metron," which literally translates as "limited ratio." An object's properties can be determined by comparing them to a standard, which is achieved through the use of measurement techniques. To provide scientists with a quantity, measurement necessitates the use of tools. A quantity is a way of describing how much of something there is and how many of them there are in total. Researchers employ a system of measurement known as the "metric system," which is still widely used today. It was developed in France in the 1790s and was the world's first standardized system of measurement. Except for the United States, this is the standard unit of measurement in every country except the United States today. Measurement Units The Seven Fundamental Units of Measurement (BMUs) Length is measured in meters (m) In Physics, it is defined as the length of the path taken by light in an interval of precisely one second. A foundation for this theory is the fundamental quantity, the speed of light in a vacuum, which is 299 792 458 m/s. Seconds are Measured In Time (S) The time taken by 9 192 631 770 periods of oscillations of the light emitted by a cesium -133 atoms to transition between two hyper-fine levels of the ground state, as measured by the time taken by 9 192 631 770 periods of oscillations of the light emitted by a cesium -133 atoms. Atomic clocks, which are extremely precise, are used to determine this. Kilogram is the Unit of Mass (kg) It is the mass of a prototype platinum-iridium cylinder, which is kept at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Paris, France, as a permanent record. Many countries, including the United States, keep copies of this cylinder because they use it to standardize and compare weights. Ampere is the Unit of Electric Current (A) The constant current that, if maintained in two straight parallel conductors of infinite length and negligible circular cross-section when placed 1 m apart in vacuum, would produce a force equal to the product of the square of the distance between the conductors. The force between these conductors is one Newton for every meter of length between them. While it may appear that electric charge should have been used as a base unit, measuring current is far more straightforward, and as a result, current was selected as the standard base unit for all calculations. Kelvin is the Unit of Temperature (K) The Kelvin temperature unit is used in the International System of Units. That is exactly what it is. 273.16-the thermodynamic temperature of water's triple point, as measured in degrees Celsius It is the temperature and pressure at which the solid, liquid, and gaseous states of water can all exist at the same time that is known as the triple point of water. Molecules are Units of Measurement for the Amount of a Substance (mol) It is measured in moles, which is the amount of substance that contains the same number of entities as there are atoms in 0.012 kilograms of carbon-12. A mole is made up of an Avogadro number of different entities. Check out our chemistry articles to learn more about the Avogadro number and other related topics. Candela is the Unit of Luminous Intensity (cd) It refers to the luminous intensity of a source that emits radiation with a constant frequency of a particular wavelength. Units Derived from Other Units SI-derived units are the units of measurement that are derived from the seven base units specified by the International System of Units and are used in scientific and engineering applications. Either they are dimensionless or they can be expressed as a product of one or more of the base units, which may then be scaled by an appropriate power of exponentiation, depending on the situation. When written in full, the names of SI-derived units are always written in lowercase letters. The symbols for units that are named after people, on the other hand, are written with an uppercase initial letter. "Hz," for example, represents the frequency unit, whereas "m" represents the unit of measurement meter. In the table below, we've provided a list of derived units for your convenience. ConclusionFundamental units are independent and not influenced by other units. Derived units, on the other hand, are formed by multiplying and/or dividing one or more fundamental units, sometimes with an additional numerical factor. Fundamental units, such as length, mass, time, temperature, electric current, luminous intensity, and the amount of substance, are self-contained and independent of other quantities. In contrast, derived units are expressed in terms of fundamental units and rely on them for their definition. Physical quantities are quantities that can be measured.Usually, a specific scientific instrument is used to measure a particular physical quantity. To describe a physical quantity we first define the unit in which the measurement is made. 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A value of a basic quantity is written as a product of the value of the quantity for a specified object (the value is called unit) and a real number. Because the quantities are unknown, we can apply dimensional analysis (essentially checking that the unknown part of a physical quantity (unit) is in a proper form). The New Perception of Physical Quantities Since not defining quantities is bad, as few quantities as possible should be left undefined. From all physical quantities, the real number is the only truly basic and indefinable quantity. [2] Other scalar physical quantities can and should be defined as real numbers (since no good alternatives exist). Doing so requires a numerical specification of the basic physical quantities. This is best achieved by setting the fundamental physical values to 1. The values probably are c, G, ħ, e (charge of proton), k (Boltzmann's constant), and NA. When the definitions (and all formulas that follow from them) are not used, the dimensional analysis can be applied completely. Using any of the formulas, however, restricts the application of dimensional analysis. Dmytro TaranovskyMarch 25, 2000 Comparison Between the Classical Perception of Physical Quantities and the New Perception of Physical Quantities Physical quantities are defined in each physical model. To make understanding of physical models simpler, physicists agreed on definition/perception of the physical quantities common to many models. Therefore, physicists define/introduce physical quantities and they should decide whether defining physical quantities as described in the New Perception of Physical Quantities is better than leaving the physical quantities undefined as currently is. Defining physical quantities will simplify the calculations since instead of the fundamental (and widely used) physical constants you can use 1. Dimensional analysis can still be completely used in a particular problem unless 1 is used instead of 'the conventional value' of a fundamental physical constant. If 1 is used as value of some fundamental constants but not all, dimensional analysis will be restricted but valid. Therefore, if dimensional analysis is more important than using some of the fundamental physical constants as one, the dimensional analysis can be completely applied by not using 1 as a value of some fundamental physical constants. Thus, the New Perception of Physical Quantities is at least the same and sometimes better than the Classical Perception of Physical Quantities in this aspect. Another aspect is how natural, simple, and logical the perceptions are. The new perception is simpler than the classical since c, G, ħ, e, k, and NA do not complicate it. The new perception is also more natural since it defines physical quantities. Several other insights support this conclusion. For example, energy and mass are identical from the physical point of view yet different in the classical perception. Recall that Euclidean 4-dimensional space-time is a set of all ordered quadruples of real numbers. It is natural to model our universe by Euclidean space-time. The classical perception prevents it since distance and time are not real numbers in it. In chemistry, it is very convenient to say that the charge of electron is -1 so that chemists can easily pronounce and write the charges of ions. This is allowed in the New Perception of Physical Quantities but not in the classical. The final aspect is the validity of physical models as mathematical theories. Since physical quantities are undefined in the classical perception, they cannot be used in any valid physical models (that is mathematical theories which correspond to some events in our world). This defeats the purpose of introducing physical quantities. In the New Perception of Physical Quantities, physical quantities can and should be used. These arguments show that physicists should choose the New Perception of Physical Quantities instead of what they have now--the Classical Perception of Physical Quantities. Dmytro TaranovskyMarch 25, 2000 Selected Topics about Physical Quantities In the Classical Perception of Physical Quantities, physical quantities are undefined simply because the definitions do not exist. Some fallacies may, however, resemble definitions. The first and perhaps the most important fallacy is "defining" a physical quantity in terms of undefined quantities. If the "definition" is pursued by trying to define the undefined terms, circular definitions will soon be reached. For Example: "M≡ar2/G, G≡6.67...*10-11m3/(kg*s2), kg≡ M for which ar2 is 6.67m3/s2. M is mass; a is the gravitational acceleration the body creates at distance r from the body." Another fallacy is defining quantities other than the quantity whose definition has to be found. Often, it is defining a quantity proportional to the given one such as the quantity over its units. For example: "Mass is the number of kilograms a body has." A third fallacy is giving information about the quantity in insufficient amount to define it: "Mass is a measure of how strongly an object curves space time." Exercise: Create the 3 fallacies for temperature. (If you do not know enough about temperature, read several paragraphs before you do the exercise. In several paragraphs, temperature will be defined.) A stronger statement can be given in the Classical Perception of Physical Quantities: No physical quantities that have dimensions can be defined from a set of physical quantities not containing a component of the dimension. This is a direct implication of dimensional analysis--a quantity cannot be equal to a combination of quantities not containing a component (such as mass) of the quantity. The New Perception of Physical Quantities provides the framework for defining all physical quantities. Our universe can be represented by a set of all ordered quadruples of real numbers, (x, y, z, t). The New Perception of Physical Quantities provides the scaling between this representation and our universe. Distance, D((x1,y1,z1,t1), (x2,y2,z2,t2)) ≡ ((x2-x1)2+(y2-y1)2+(z2-z1)2). Time, T((x1,y1,z1,t1),(x2,y2,z2,t2)) ≡ |t2-t1|. Proper distance is defined as sqrt(D2-T2) provided that the D>T. Proper time is defined as sqrt(T2-D2) provided that the T>D. As in the Classical Perception of Physical Quantities, r≡(x,y,z), v≡dr/dt, a≡dv/dt. According to the law of universal gravitation, the product of a (curvature of space-time created by the body) and D2 (D is distance to the body) for each body is independent of location provided that D is much larger than the size of the body and the body is not moving with a relativistic speed. Mass, M≡aD2 for a stationary object. For a moving object, M≡γMo where Mo (called rest mass) is defined as mass of the object if it was stationary, and γ≡sqrt(1-v2). As in the Classical Perception of the Physical Quantities, p≡M*v, F≡dp/dt, ρ≡dM/dV. E≡M, P≡dE/dt. Temperature (T) of a monatomic ideal gas is defined to be 2/3*E, where E is the average translational kinetic energy of its molecules. Temperature of an object other than a monatomic ideal gas is defined to be the temperature that a monatomic ideal gas would possess if it would be in thermal equilibrium with the object. Defining electric charge has some difficulties because of the incomplete information known. Perhaps, it should be defined separately in each model. The following is a reasonable definition. It is unclear, however, whether it is a definition or merely a specification that is valid only in some models. Let electric field (E) be defined as the negative of the force that acts on an electron at rest. Let charge, q≡ F/E. Anyway, the New Perception of Physical Quantities allows electric charge to be defined as an experimental quantity (that is determinable by experiment) in any appropriate model. Some other quantities can be defined as real numbers. The amount of substance is defined as the number of molecules in the given sample. Thus, 1mole=6.0...*1023 and NA=6.0...*1023/mol=1. Consequently, R=NA*k=k=1. Information that can be stored in a system that can have N independent states is defined as log2N. Real numbers too need to be defined. Several ways exist to do this. The following is a good way to define real numbers: A real number (X) is defined to be an integer (m) or an integer with infinitive sequence of 0 and 1 (f(n)) so that for at least one n, f(n)=1, and there is no n such that f(k)=1 for every k>n. The restrictions on f(n) are necessary to ensure that real numbers that are different by this definition are unequal. X=m+Σ(2-nf(n), n,1, ∞). The equation is not part of the definition of real numbers. It is simply used to connect the definition to some operations that we know on real numbers. Solution to the exercise: First, we will take some steps in the right direction. Temperature of an object other than a monatomic ideal gas is defined to be the temperature that a monatomic ideal gas would possess if it would be in thermal equilibrium with the object. Consequently, I will give fallacies for monatomic ideal gas. Let E be the average translational kinetic energy of its molecules. Using the first fallacy, let T be "defined' as 2/(3k)*E where k≡1.38...J/K where K≡ 1/273.16 of the temperature at which the triple point of water occurs. Using the second fallacy, temperature is the number of Kelvin thermometers will measure. (Although the fallacy is stated informally, it can be formalized to define T/K.) Using the third fallacy, temperature is a measure of hotness or coldness a body possesses. Unit Conversion Here I will explain how to convert a physical quantity to the "dimensions" you wish it to have. To do so, you multiply it by clGmħneokpNr (subscript 'A' is ommited from n) so that the dimensions are proper. Let the original dimension be X and the needed one--Y. In effect, you need to solve (Y/X)=clGmħneokpNr. The equation can be solved by separating the dimensions into components: length, time, mass, electric charge, temperature, and the amount of substance. Then you will get a separate equation for each component. Solving the system of equations, you will obtain l, m, n, o, p, and r. In a few cases, you will have to perform the procedure several times such as if the quantity is given as a sum of 2 quantities with different dimensions. Exercise:Convert the sentence to the Classical Perception of Physical Quantities: "Evidence shows that the most fundamental length, time, and mass are 1." Solution: length=1=clGmħneokpNr. Since no component of length, c, G, or ħ is electric charge, temperature or amount of substance, 'o', 'p', and 'r' are 0. 1=clGmħn. D=(D/T)l (D3/(M*T2)m (M*D2/T)n, D1T0M0=Dl+3m+2n T-l-2m-n M-m+n, 1=l+3m+2n and 0=-l-2m-n and 0=-m+n, m=n and 1=l+5n and 0=-l-3n, 1=2n, n=1/2 and m=1/2 and 1=l+2.5, l=-3/2, length is c-3/2G1/2ħ1/2. The time =1=(distance 1)/c= c-5/2G1/2ħ1/2. The mass = 1=clGmħneokpNr. Since no component of mass, c, G, or h is electric charge, temperature, or the amount of substance, o=0, k=0, and r=0. M=clGmħn. M=(D/T)l (D3/(M*T2)m (M*D2/T)n, D0T0M1=Dl+3m+2n T-l-2m-n M-m+n, 0=l+3m+2n and 0=-l-2m-n and 1=-m+n, 0=m+n and n=m+1, 2m+1=0, m=-1/2, n=1/2, l=1/2, the mass is c1/2G-1/2ħ1/2. Thus, the sentence will be: "Evidence shows that the most important length is c-3/2G1/2ħ1/2, time -- c-5/2 G1/2ħ1/2, and mass -- c1/2G-1/2ħ1/2." Exercise:Find the formula for proper length and proper time in the Classical Perception of Physical Quantities. Answer: Proper length is sqrt(D2-c2T2). Proper time is sqrt(D2-c2T2)/c. Exercise: What is the value (using no units) of Coulomb's constant (8.988...m/F)? Answer: 0.007297... . Other Topics Dimensional analysis forbids logs from dimensional quantities. Otherwise, ln(2m3) = ln(2*1m3)=ln 2+ln(1m3). Thus ln(x) would have to be dimensionless. Then, x=eln x would have to be dimensionless as well leading to contradiction if x has dimensions. Thus, for example, ∫dV/V≠ ln V+C since ln is not defined for dimensional quantities. This problem does not occur in the New Perception of Physical Quantities, since all quantities are dimensionless. Dimensions can be formally defined as the sequence of exponents for each basic unit in a quantity. For example, force has dimensions (1, 1, -2, 0, 0, 0) corresponding to mass1*length1* time-2*charge0*temperature0*(amount of substance)0. The fundamental constants chosen to be one must have linearly independent dimensions. Otherwise, one constant could be expressed from the others causing 2 quantities with the same dimension but different values in SI units be equal--a contradiction. The number of constants must equal the number of dimensions so that all units could be expressed as a combination of these constants. The constants chosen above satisfy the properties. Sometimes, something that looks like a unit is really a part of the type of quantity. For example: "The distance between the 2 genes on a chromosome is a morgans." "Morgans" specifies distance leading to the quantity type "the probability of crossing over between the 2 genes" and the value a. (Of course, units are parts of physical quantities, 1m≠1.) [1] Definitions are sometimes incomplete, may change with new insights, and may differ slightly depending on a scientist. [2] Actually, real numbers can be defined in terms of integers. Integer is the basic quantity. Physical quantities are quantities that can be measured.Usually, a specific scientific instrument is used to measure a particular physical quantity. To describe a physical quantity we first define the unit in which the measurement is made. 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Measuring length using ruler - example of a measuring basic quantity.Weight of a person can be measured simply using weighting scale.Basic quantities are the primary measurements that stand on their own. They are the building blocks for all other measurements in physics. Here are the seven basic quantities defined by the International System of Units (SI):Length (Meter, m)Mass (Kilogram, kg)Time (Second, s)Electric Current (Ampere, A)Temperature (Kelvin, K)Amount of Substance (Mole, mol)Luminous Intensity (Candela, cd)These quantities are independent and do not rely on other measurements.Example: Measuring LengthThink about measuring the length of your desk. If it's 1.5 meters long, you are using the basic quantity of length, measured in meters (m).Derived quantities come from combining basic quantities. They rely on one or more basic quantities and usually have more complex units.Here are a few common derived quantities with simple explanations and examples:Speed of a car can be calculated if we have information on two base quantities - length and time !Knowing the difference between basic and derived quantities helps you understand and solve various problems in physics. Once you know the basic quantities and how to combine them to get derived quantities, you can analyze and solve many different kinds of physical problems. In summary, basic quantities are the simple, primary measurements in physics, while derived quantities are combinations of these basics. By understanding and using the formulas for these quantities, you can solve many physics problems easily.Keep practicing with different examples, and soon these concepts will become second nature. 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Base quantities and derived quantities are fundamental concepts in the field of physics and other sciences. Understanding the differences between these two types of quantities is essential for anyone studying these subjects. In this article, we will explore the attributes of base quantities and derived quantities, highlighting their unique characteristics and how they are used in scientific calculations.Base QuantitiesBase quantities are the fundamental physical quantities that are used to define other quantities. These base quantities are independent of each other and cannot be expressed in terms of other quantities. In the International System of Units (SI), there are seven base quantities: length, mass, time, electric current, temperature, amount of substance, and luminous intensity. These base quantities serve as the building blocks for all other quantities and measurements in physics.Each base quantity is associated with a specific unit of measurement. For example, the base quantity of length is measured in meters, mass in kilograms, time in seconds, and so on. These units are used to quantify the amount of each base quantity present in a given system. By defining these base quantities and their units, scientists are able to establish a standardized system of measurement that can be universally understood and applied.Base quantities are considered to be the most fundamental aspects of measurement in physics. They provide the foundation for all other quantities and measurements, allowing scientists to accurately describe and analyze the physical world. Without base quantities, it would be impossible to establish a consistent and reliable system of measurement that could be used across different scientific disciplines.One key attribute of base quantities is that they are independent of each other. This means that changes in one base quantity do not affect the others. For example, if the length of an object changes, it does not impact the mass or time associated with that object. This independence allows scientists to isolate and study specific aspects of a system without interference from other quantities.In summary, base quantities are the fundamental building blocks of measurement in physics. They are independent of each other and serve as the basis for all other quantities and measurements. By defining these base quantities and their units, scientists are able to establish a standardized system of measurement that is universally understood and applied.Derived QuantitiesDerived quantities are quantities that are derived from combinations of base quantities. These quantities are not independent and can be expressed in terms of one or more base quantities. In other words, derived quantities are derived from the multiplication or division of base quantities, often with the addition of constants or exponents.Derived quantities are used to describe more complex aspects of the physical world that cannot be captured by base quantities alone. For example, velocity is a derived quantity that is calculated by dividing the change in position (length) by the change in time. Similarly, acceleration is a derived quantity that is calculated by dividing the change in velocity by the change in time.One key attribute of derived quantities is that they are not independent of base quantities. Changes in the base quantities will directly impact the derived quantities that are derived from them. For example, if the length of an object changes, it will affect the velocity and acceleration of that object, as these quantities are derived from the base quantity of length.Derived quantities are essential for describing the complex relationships and interactions that exist in the physical world. By combining base quantities in various ways, scientists are able to create derived quantities that provide a more comprehensive understanding of the systems they are studying. These derived quantities allow scientists to analyze and predict the behavior of physical phenomena with greater accuracy.Derived quantities are often expressed in terms of the base quantities from which they are derived. For example, velocity is typically expressed in meters per second, which are the units of length divided by time. This relationship between derived quantities and base quantities allows scientists to easily convert between different units and measurements, making it easier to compare and analyze data.In conclusion, derived quantities are quantities that are derived from combinations of base quantities. These quantities are not independent and are calculated by combining base quantities in various ways. Derived quantities are essential for describing complex relationships and interactions in the physical world, allowing scientists to analyze and predict the behavior of physical phenomena with greater accuracy. Comparisons may contain inaccurate information about people, places, or facts. Please report any issues. 1.5: Conversion of Units Here the base quantity is the distance, and the unit used to measure it is the meter, which is the base unit. 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