

Homework 5 (MATH 4300-01)
Due date: Friday, Oct. 25, 2013

Name (Print):

1. What is the power P (dimension $M L^2 T^{-3}$) that is required to keep a vehicle of length d and mass m moving at a constant speed v ?
 - a) Use dimensional analysis to calculate the power P .
 - b) Rewrite your result in terms of the kinetic energy $K = m v^2 / 2$, and the characteristic time scale $\tau = d / v$.

2. The hydrostatic pressure of blood in humans is a part of the total blood pressure. The hydrostatic pressure P (dimension $M L^{-1} T^{-2}$) is considered to depend on the blood density ρ (dimension $M L^{-3}$), the height h of the blood column between the heart and some lower point in the body, and the gravity acceleration g (dimension $L T^{-2}$).
 - a) Use dimensional analysis to calculate the hydrostatic pressure P .
 - b) Pressure is defined as force per area. Rewrite your result for P by taking reference to the gravity force $F_g = m g$ and an area A that you have to define conveniently.

3. For laminar flow in a pipe, the volume flow rate q (dimension $L^3 T^{-1}$) is a function of the pipe radius r , the viscosity μ (dimension $M L^{-1} T^{-1}$) of the fluid, and the pressure drop per unit length dp / dz (dimension $M L^{-2} T^{-2}$).
 - a) Use dimensional analysis to calculate the flow rate q .
 - b) How does q change if the radius is increased by a factor of two?