

1. (a) Explain the principle which underlies the checking of the balance of equations using base quantities.

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(b) State ONE limitation of using base quantities to check the balance of equations.

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(c) A body moving through air at a high speed, v , experiences a force, F , given by $F = kA\rho v^2$, where A is the surface area of the body, ρ is the density of air and k is a unitless constant. If $A = 0.10 \pm 0.005 \text{ m}^2$, $\rho = 1000 \pm 0.1 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ and $v = 30.0 \pm 1 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, find the fractional error in the force, F .

[3 marks]

(d) The speed, v , of ocean waves is related to the wavelength, λ , and the acceleration due to gravity, g . Two relationships are proposed, $v = a g \lambda$ or $v = b \sqrt{g \lambda}$, where a and b are constants with no units. Determine which of these equations is possible.

[3 marks]

(e) Assuming that your result in (d) is correct, determine the full equation if an ocean wave has a speed of 16 m s^{-1} and a wavelength of 160 m .

[2 marks]