

# Dimensional Analysis

1.

$\Delta x$  → displacement, so meters.  
 $v$  → velocity, so m/s  
 $a$   
 ↳ acceleration, so m/s<sup>2</sup>

$$\Delta x \rightarrow [m]$$

$$v \rightarrow [m/s]$$

$$a \rightarrow [m/s^2]$$

$$\frac{m \times \frac{m}{s}}{\frac{m}{s^2}} = m \times \frac{m}{s} \times \frac{s^2}{m}$$

$$= [m \cdot s]$$

2.

$v t$  → time, so seconds.  
 ↳ velocity, so m/s

$$\frac{m}{s} \cdot s \rightarrow [m]$$

velocity times time is a distance! that makes sense!

3.

$$v = v_0 + at$$

velocity [m/s]
velocity [m/s]
time [s]  

acceleration [m/s<sup>2</sup>]

$$[m/s] = [m/s] + [m/s^2 \cdot s]$$

$$[m/s] = [m/s] + [m/s] \rightarrow \text{Can add/subtract parts of equation with same units.}$$

Both sides are m/s!