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Suppose $A = B^n/C^m$, where A has dimensions LT , B has dimensions L^2T^{-1} , and C has dimensions LT^2 . Find the values of the exponents n and m .

$$LT = \frac{(L^2 T^{-1})^n}{(L T^2)^m} = \frac{L^{2n} T^{-n}}{L^m T^{2m}}$$

$$L^1 T^1 = L^{2n-m} T^{-n-2m}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n - m = 1$$

$$-n - 2m = 1 \Rightarrow 2n = -2 - 4m$$

$$-2 - 4m - m = 1 \Rightarrow -5m = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{m = -\frac{3}{5}}$$

$$2n = -2 - 4\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) \Rightarrow n = -1 + \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{n = \frac{1}{5}}$$

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- (a) Pressure, P , inside a fluid is given by $P = \rho g h$, where ρ is the density, g is the acceleration due to gravity and h is the depth inside the fluid (distance). Find the dimensions of P .

$$[P] = \frac{M}{L^3} \frac{L}{T^2} L$$

$$\boxed{[P] = \frac{M}{L T^2}}$$

$$[\rho] = \frac{M}{L^3}$$

$$[g] = \frac{L}{T^2}$$

$$[h] = L$$

- (b) The speed of sound is 340 m/s. Express this in millimeters per nanosecond [$1 \text{ ns} = 10^{-9} \text{ s}$].
Write the answer in **3 significant figures**.

$$340 \frac{m}{s} \left(\frac{1000 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ m}} \right) \left(\frac{10^{-9} s}{1 \text{ ns}} \right) = \boxed{3.40 \times 10^{-4} \frac{mm}{ns}}$$

$$\text{or} = 0.000340 \frac{mm}{ns}$$

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The average radius of a nucleus is $R = 1.2$ fm (femto-meter). Calculate the density in (kg/m^3) of the nucleus which has a mass of $1.1u$ (atomic mass unit) [$1 \text{ fm} = 10^{-15} \text{ m}$, $1 u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$].

Write the answer **3 significant figures**.

$$\rho = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3}$$

$$m = 1.1 u = 1.1 u \left(\frac{1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}}{1 u} \right) = 1.826 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$R = 1.2 \text{ fm} = 1.2 \text{ fm} \left(\frac{10^{-15} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ fm}} \right) = 1.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$$

$$\rho = \frac{1.826 \times 10^{-27}}{\frac{4}{3} \pi (1.2 \times 10^{-15})^3} = \boxed{2.52 \times 10^{17} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}}$$