

The damping force on a oscillating body is proportional to its velocity. The constant of proportionality has the dimensions of
1) $[mt^{-1}]$ 2) $[mlt^{-2}]$ 3) $[mlt^{-3}]$ 4) $[m^0l^0t^0]$

Solution

The dimension of force is

$$[F] = \left[\frac{ml}{t^2} \right]$$

The damping force is $F_d = \alpha v$, $[v] = \left[\frac{l}{t} \right]$

From hence, answer is 1) $\alpha = \frac{m}{t}$