

Answer on Question #69831, Physics / Mechanics | Relativity

fluid viscosity dimensional analysis

Solution:

The viscosity μ is often called the absolute or dynamic viscosity to distinguish it from the kinematic viscosity $\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$ (1), where ρ is the fluid density

$$\text{Of (1)} \Rightarrow \mu = \nu \rho \text{ (2)}$$

$$\text{Dimension for kinematic viscosity: } \frac{L^2}{T}$$

$$\text{Dimension for fluid density: } \frac{M}{L^3}$$

$$\text{Of (2)} \Rightarrow \text{dimension for viscosity: } \frac{L^2}{T} \times \frac{M}{L^3} = \frac{M}{LT}$$

Answer:

$$\frac{M}{LT}$$

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