# On the lattice of physical concepts 

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#### Abstract

Unlike the organization of the chemical elements in a periodic table, no conclusive results are published about the organization of the physical quantities. A physical quantity is a quantity that is used in the description of physical processes. The physical processes are modeled through mathematical expressions that use physical quantities expressed in different types: scalars, vectors, multi-vectors, matrices and tensors. The scientific community adopted by convention the SI units and listed the physical quantities. The mathematical structure of the SI physical quantities is unknown. Here we show that classes of physical quantities, that are expressed according to the SI convention, are mathematically classified by leader classes of the seven dimensional integer lattice.


## 1. Introduction

The choice of a system of units and the number of dimensions are open issues amongst physicists and reviews are found here $[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]$. Unlike the organization of the chemical elements in a periodic table, no conclusive results are published about the organization of the physical quantities. The mathematical structure of the physical quantities is unknown. Physical quantities occur in the scientific literature in the form of scalars, vectors, multi-vectors, matrices and tensors. Each physical quantity is represented by a symbol or label. All the physical quantities are eventually measured through their respective components and thus we restrict our study to the components of physical quantities. In this research we adopt the convention of the International System of Units (SI) for the units and dimensions of the physical quantities [8]. The SI base quantities are length, mass, time, electric current, thermodynamic temperature, amount of substance and luminous intensity [8]. A component of a physical quantity is a quantity that is used in the description of physical processes. This paper is organized as follows. In section 2 we present the mapping of a class of physical quantities to the seven dimensional integer lattice. Section 3 contains a brief review of the mathematical objects needed to classify the physical quantities. In section 4 we present the method resulting in the classification of the SI physical quantities. Finally, we summarize the results and conclude in section 5 .

## 2. Fundamental axiom of physics

Physical concepts are the building blocks of any mathematical description of physical phenomena.

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## 3. Abstract connectives

Decomposition theorem in the theory of abstract connectives (see Klein 1932). A "lattice" is a domain of individuals in which two commutative and associative operations $\cup$ and $\cap$ are defined. If $a \cup b=b$ than $a$ is called a part of $b$. Under the assumptions that the operation $\cap$ is distributive with respect to $\cup$ that further, a unit element $e$ exists for $\cup$ and that every element has only finitely many parts, an element $a$ of the lattice can be represented in at most one way in the form $a=p_{1} \cup p_{2} \cup \ldots \cup p_{n}$ where the $p_{i}$ are primary elements over different prime elements. Here $p$ is called a prime element if it has no proper part other than $e$, and $q$ is called a primary element over $p$ if $p$ is the only prime element included in $q$. If in addition it is assumed that every non-primary element $a \neq e$ can be decomposed into two elements distinct from a, the existence of a representation in the form $a=p_{1} \cup p_{2} \cup \ldots \cup p_{n}$ also follows for every element of the lattice.

## 4. A consistent physics system

In every system $S$ of the kind just mentioned the proposition that $S$ is consistent (more precisely, the equivalent arithmetic propositions that we obtain by mapping the formulas one-to-one on natural numbers) in unprovable.

## 5. An alphabet for physical concepts

Let $A=\{0,1, \ldots, i-1, i, i+1, \ldots, s\}$ be a totally ordered alphabet where $i-1<i$ and $i<i+1$ and $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{+}$. To each physical concept denoted $C(q)$ we assign a word $w$ constructed from the alphabet $A$. The words $w$ have a length $n$ and we write the characters in graded reverse lex order [15]. We form a $n$-tuple $\boldsymbol{f}$ with the characters of the word $w$ without changing the order of the characters. This $n$-tuple consists of non-negative integers and is an element of the $n$-dimensional integer lattice $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$, more specifically a lattice point of the positive orthant $\mathbb{Z}_{+}^{n}$. Let $n_{i}$ be the number of characters of type $i$ of the alphabet $A$. Suppose that the characters occurring in the $n$-tuple $\boldsymbol{f}$ are subjected to signed permutations and that we denote the set containing the generated lattice points as $[\boldsymbol{f}]$. The cardinality of the set $[\boldsymbol{f}]$ is given by the equation:

$$
\#([\boldsymbol{f}])=2^{n-n_{0}} \frac{n!}{n_{0}!n_{1}!n_{2}!\ldots n_{s}!}
$$

The number of signed permutations in the $n$-dimensional integer lattice is given by the order of the automorphisms $A u t\left(\mathbb{Z}^{n}\right)$ and is equal to $2^{n} n!$. Assume that the lattice point $f$ has a norm $N(\boldsymbol{f})=m$ where $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{+}$. The lattice points of the set $[\boldsymbol{f}]$ have all the same norm $m$. We iknow that the union of the sets with norm $N(\boldsymbol{f})$ is forming a lattice shell $[16,17,14]$.

## 6. n-ary operations between physical concepts

### 6.1. Binary operations

We create a mathematical model $M$ to describe physical phenomena and processes. We choose $n$ base concepts in this model. The mathematical model $M$ is an alphabet of $n$ symbols These base concepts We our limited knowledge we cannot define a set of base concept in a pure axiomatic wayLet us consider a alphabet A containing as elements Let A,B, C be physical concepts $C=A \cdot B$

## 7. Mapping classes of physical quantities to a seven dimensional integer lattice

Let the set of physical quantities be $\mathcal{Q}$. Consider the physical quantities $a, b \in \mathcal{Q}$ and assume the following equivalence relation $a$ is dimensionally equivalent with $b$ with notation $a \sim b$. As physical quantities occur in the form of scalars, vectors, multi-vectors, matrices and tensors, we can without loss of generality consider a component of a physical quantity and denote it as $q$. The set of all equivalence classes in $\mathcal{Q}$ given the equivalence relation $\sim$ is the quotient set $\mathcal{Q} / \sim$. We define the surjective function $C$ from $\mathcal{Q}$ to $\mathcal{Q} / \sim$ given by $C(q)=[q]_{\sim}$. We represent the equivalence classes as $[q]_{\sim}=\{p \in \mathcal{Q}: p \sim q\}$. The set of base physical quantities is called $\mathcal{B} \doteq\{L, M, T, I, \Theta, N, J\}$. The set of base units is defined as $\mathbb{U} \doteq\left\{u_{i} \mid u_{1} \doteq[L]=\mathrm{m}, u_{2} \doteq[M]=\mathrm{kg}, u_{3} \doteq[T]=\mathrm{s}, u_{4} \doteq\right.$ $\left.[I]=\mathrm{A}, u_{5} \doteq[\Theta]=\mathrm{K}, u_{6} \doteq[N]=\mathrm{mol}, u_{7} \doteq[J]=\mathrm{cd}\right\}$. Each physical quantity has parameters $f_{i}$, called dimensional exponents that are integers. We write a physical quantity $Q$ according to the SI as a dimensional product:

$$
Q=\{r\} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{7} u_{i}^{f_{i}}
$$

in $u_{1}, u_{2}, \ldots, u_{7}$ where the $u_{i}$ are the SI base units with $u_{i} \in \mathbb{U}$, the $f_{i}$ s are dimensional exponents with $f_{i} \in \mathbb{Z}$ and where the physical quantity $Q$ of the idealized physical system assumes a numerical real value $\{r\} \in \mathbb{R}$. The quotient set of $\mathcal{Q}$ by $\sim$ is denoted $\mathcal{Q} / \sim$. Consider the set of integer septuples $\mathbb{Z}^{7} \doteq\left\{\left(f_{1}, \ldots, f_{7}\right) \mid f_{i} \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$, that is a special case of the $n$-dimensional integer lattice [9]. We know that $\mathbb{Z}^{7},+$ is an additive group and that from the algebra of the quantity calculus we have that $\mathcal{Q} / \sim$, is a multiplicative group. We define the group isomorphism h formally as h : $\mathcal{Q} / \sim \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{7} \mid \mathrm{h}\left([Q]_{\sim}\right) \doteq \boldsymbol{f}=\left(f_{1}, \ldots, f_{7}\right)$ where $f_{i} \in \mathbb{Z}$. The dimensional exponents of the units of a class of physical quantities, taken in the correct order, form the coordinates of a point in $\mathbb{Z}^{7}$. Each lattice point is the image of one and only one class of physical quantities and so the mapping $h$ is bijective from $\mathcal{Q} / \sim$ on $\mathbb{Z}^{7}$. We are free to select seven basis lattice points of $\mathbb{Z}^{7}$ and define $\boldsymbol{e}_{1}=\mathrm{h}\left([L]_{\sim}\right)=(1,0,0,0,0,0,0), \boldsymbol{e}_{2}=\mathrm{h}\left([M]_{\sim}\right)=(0,1,0,0,0,0,0), \boldsymbol{e}_{3}=$ $\mathrm{h}\left([T]_{\sim}\right)=(0,0,1,0,0,0,0), \boldsymbol{e}_{4}=\mathrm{h}\left([I]_{\sim}\right)=(0,0,0,1,0,0,0), \boldsymbol{e}_{5}=\mathrm{h}\left([\Theta]_{\sim}\right)=(0,0,0,0,1,0,0)$, $\boldsymbol{e}_{6}=\mathrm{h}\left([N]_{\sim}\right)=(0,0,0,0,0,1,0), \boldsymbol{e}_{7}=\mathrm{h}\left([J]_{\sim}\right)=(0,0,0,0,0,0,1)$, with $\boldsymbol{e}_{i} \in \mathbb{Z}^{7}$. These points have the agreed BIPM symbol for the dimension [10]. We will adopt the Conway abbreviation [9] for the components of lattice points and write for example $\boldsymbol{e}_{5} \doteq \mathrm{~h}\left([\Theta]_{\sim}\right)=(0,0,0,0,1,0,0)$ as $\left(0^{4} 10^{2}\right)$. One could object that some derived physical quantities (rms of a quantity, noise spectral density, specific detectivity, thermal inertia, thermal effusivity, ...) are defined as the square root of some product or quotient of other physical quantities. We define these derived physical quantities as fractional physical quantities where the coordinates $f_{i} \in \mathbb{Q}$ do not comply with the above definition for a physical quantity. Each of these fractional physical quantities are, by a proper exponentiation, transformed to a physical quantity having integer exponents for the base units $u_{i}$. In this paper we tacitly assume that when we refer to a physical quantity we mean a component of the physical quantity. We know that the concept energy occurs in different forms in physics and that we use dedicated words as: energy, potential energy, kinetic energy, work, Lagrange function, Hamilton function, Hartree energy, ionization energy, electron affinity, electronegativity, dissociation energy... in our formulations of physical relations. The equivalence class that we denote $[E]_{\sim}$ represents all these quantities.

## 8. Mathematical preliminaries

These preliminaries are gathering objects from disparate mathematical fields as discrete mathematics, group theory, lattice theory, combinatorics and algebraic geometry to enable the description of the mathematical structure organizing the physical quantities. The mathematical objects are defined in $n$-dimensional space and are then applied to the specific case of $n=7$.

### 8.1. The properties of the $n$-dimensional integer lattice

The properties of the $n$-dimensional integer lattice are described elsewhere in the literature [9]. We will recall briefly the properties that are useful for the purpose of structuring the physical quantities. Every lattice point is expressed in a unique way as the linear combination $\boldsymbol{f}=f_{1} \boldsymbol{e}_{1}+$ $\ldots+f_{n} \boldsymbol{e}_{n}$ where the coefficients $f_{i}$ are called the coordinates of $\boldsymbol{f}$. The basis $\boldsymbol{e}_{1}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{e}_{n}$, that generates the integer lattice $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$ is orthonormal. The automorphism group of $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$ consists of all signed permutation matrices acting on the integer lattice points, and has order $2^{n} n!$ and is the Weyl group of root system $B_{n}[9,11]$. We call the expressions $N(\boldsymbol{f}) \doteq\|\boldsymbol{f}\|_{1}=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{i k} f_{i} f_{k}$, $\|\boldsymbol{f}\|_{2} \doteq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{i k} f_{i} f_{k}}$ and $\|\boldsymbol{f}\|_{\infty} \doteq \max \left\{\left|f_{1}\right|, \ldots,\left|f_{n}\right|\right\}$ respectively the $\ell_{1}$-norm, the $\ell_{2}$-norm and the infinity norm of $\boldsymbol{f}$ in $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$.

### 8.2. Infinity normed n-polytope of norm $s$

Consider a lattice point $\boldsymbol{f}_{0}$ and points $\boldsymbol{f}$, which have the property $\boldsymbol{f}_{0}+\boldsymbol{f} \in A \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{f}_{0}-\boldsymbol{f} \in A$ then we call $A$ a centrally symmetric set. In the remainder of the paper we will assume that $\boldsymbol{f}_{0}=\boldsymbol{o}$ is the origin of $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$. A $n$-dimensional integer lattice polytope $P_{n}$ is the convex hull of a set of finitely many points in $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$ [12]. An infinity normed $n$-polytope $P_{n}^{s}$ of norm $s$ is a subset of $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$ with the following property $P_{n}^{s}=\left\{\boldsymbol{f} \in \mathbb{Z}^{n} \mid\|\boldsymbol{f}\|_{\infty}=s\right\}$. We characterize the infinity normed $n$-polytope $P_{n}^{s}$ by the parameters $n$ and $s$, where $n$ represents the dimension of the integer lattice and $s$ represents the value of the infinity norm.

### 8.3. Absolute leader classes of a lattice

The concept of leader class of a lattice is used in signal processing [13, 14]. A leader class is the set of lattice points of $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$ that are connected through a signed permutation. We note a leader class of $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$ as $\left[\left(f_{1}, \ldots, f_{n}\right)\right]$, where $\left(f_{1}, \ldots, f_{n}\right)$ are the coordinates of the representative lattice point. Each leader class forms a set of lattice points that are symmetric about the origin $\boldsymbol{o}$. The cardinality of a leader class is calculated using elementary combinatorics. Let $A=\{0,1,2, \ldots, s\}$ be a totally ordered alphabet. The representative of a leader class is a word $w$ constructed from the alphabet $A$. The words $w$ have a length $n$ that corresponds to the dimension of $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$. Let $n_{i}$ be the number of characters of type $i$ of the alphabet $A$. Suppose that the characters are subjected to a signed permutation, then the cardinality is given by the equation:

$$
\#(w)=2^{n-n_{0}} \frac{n!}{n_{0}!n_{1}!n_{2}!\ldots n_{s}!} .
$$

The number of integer lattice points in each leader class is equal to the cardinality of $w$. The representative lattice point, called in signal processing an absolute leader, has only coordinates that are non-negative integers. The coordinates are arranged in graded reverse lex order [15]. The union of leader classes with norm $N(\boldsymbol{f})$ is forming a lattice shell $[16,17,14]$.

### 8.4. Monomials

A monomial [15] $m$ in $u_{1}, u_{2}, \ldots, u_{n}$ is a product of the form:

$$
m=\prod_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{f_{i}}
$$

where all the exponents $f_{i} \in \mathbb{Z}_{+}$and $u_{i} \in \mathbb{U}$. The total degree of this monomial is the sum $f_{1}+\ldots+f_{n}$. The number of classes of monomials with infinity norm $\|\boldsymbol{f}\|_{\infty} \leq s$ in $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$ is the result from the application of "Lemma 4" [18]. The $n$-dimensional integer lattice $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$ is partitioned in $\binom{n+s-1}{s}$ equivalence classes. Let the dimension $n=7$ then we generate the (Table 1 ) where the first column lists the infinity norm $s$, the second column shows the sum of the lattice points in the respective leader classes, while the third column gives the cumulated number of lattice points. The fourth and fifth columns have a similar meaning but are expressing the number of leader classes and their cumulated number for each 7-polytope $P_{7}^{s}$.

Table 1: Properties of the 7-polytopes $P_{7}^{s}$ in $\mathbb{Z}^{7}$ for $s \leq 10$.

| $\\|\boldsymbol{f}\\|_{\infty}=s$ | $\sum[\#([a])]$ | cumul $\left\{\sum[\#([a])]\right\}$ | $\#\left(P_{7}^{s} \backslash P_{7}^{s-1}\right)$ | $\#\left(P_{7}^{s}\right)$ |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 2186 | 2187 | 7 | 8 |
| 2 | 75938 | 78125 | 28 | 36 |
| 3 | 745418 | 823543 | 84 | 120 |
| 4 | 3959426 | 4782969 | 210 | 330 |
| 5 | 14704202 | 19487171 | 462 | 792 |
| 6 | 43261346 | 62748517 | 924 | 1716 |
| 7 | 108110858 | 170859375 | 1716 | 3432 |
| 8 | 239479298 | 410338673 | 3003 | 6435 |
| 9 | 483533066 | 893871739 | 5005 | 11440 |
| 10 | 907216802 | 1801088541 | 8008 | 19448 |

## 9. Method for the classification of the physical quantities

The absolute leader classes that are based on the signed permutations of the coordinates of the lattice point of the seven dimensional integer lattice $\mathbb{Z}^{7}$ are partitioning $\mathbb{Z}^{7}$ in equivalence classes. The inverse map of $h$ realizes then the organization of the classes of physical quantities in $\mathbb{U}$. The signed permutation matrices, transforming the representative lattice point of the leader class in lattice points belonging to the absolute leader class, are elements of the automorphism group $A u t\left(\mathbb{Z}^{7}\right)$ and the order of this group is 645120 . We find that the infinity norm $\ell_{\infty}$-norm organizes the absolute leader classes in nested centrally symmetric 7-polytopes $P_{7}^{s}$ where $\ell_{\infty}=s$.

### 9.1. Enumeration of the absolute leader classes of physical quantities for $s \leq 3$

The enumeration table (Table A.2) of the 7-polytope $P_{7}^{3}$ is exhaustive and consists of six columns. The first column contains the values of the infinity norm $\|\boldsymbol{f}\|_{\infty}$. The second column lists the absolute leader classes. The third column contains the total degree of the monomial associated with the absolute leader class. The fourth column gives the $\ell_{1}$-norm of the absolute leader class.

The fifth column gives the cardinality of the absolute leader class. The sixth column gives an example of a typical class of physical quantities that is mapped in the absolute leader class. The label unknown is indicating that the author has no information about a class of a physical quantity that is mapped in the respective absolute leader class. The ordering of the classes in (Table A.2) is based on increasing norm $N(\boldsymbol{f})$ that is the primary characteristic of the $n$-sphere shells.

### 9.2. Enumeration of the known absolute leader classes of physical quantities for $s \geq 4$

The common physical quantities (Table A.3) that have $\|\boldsymbol{f}\|_{\infty} \geq 4$ are enumerated but is not exhaustive. The table A. 3 is based on the list of physical quantities known to the author. Table A. 3 contains 4 columns. The first column contains the values $\|\boldsymbol{f}\|_{\infty}$ of the infinity norm defining the 7-polytope $P_{7}^{s}$. The second column lists the absolute leader class. The third column identifies the class of physical quantity by its integer lattice point in $\mathbb{Z}^{7}$. The fourth column represents the name of a common physical quantity.

## 10. Summary and conclusion

Mathematical expressions in physics use physical quantities expressed in different types: scalars, vectors, multi-vectors, matrices and tensors. The scientific community adopted by convention the SI units and listed the physical quantities. The version 8 of the SI has known issues and the choice of a system of units and the number of dimensions remain open issues amongst physicists. Unlike the organization of the chemical elements in a periodic table, no conclusive results are published about the organization of the physical quantities. The mathematical structure of the physical quantities is unknown. Here we show that classes of physical quantities, that are expressed according to the SI convention, are mathematically structured in geometrical entities, known as absolute leader classes. We mapped the classes of physical quantities on a seven dimensional integer lattice. We find that signed permutation matrices are connecting the integer lattice points and thus partition the integer lattice in absolute leader classes that are known from information theory. The leader classes are themselves grouped, using the infinity norm, in nested centrally symmetric 7-polytopes. The results show that the fundamental structure organizing the physical quantities is based on absolute leader classes and that the enumeration of the presently common physical quantities indicates that only a small number of absolute leader classes have been explored. The described method based on leader classes is easily modified if the number of dimensions of physical quantities is increased or decreased. We expect to find new physical quantities and relationships between the classes of physical quantities. These predicted relationships should gave all physicists a framework in their search for new laws and relations between physical quantities.

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## AppendixA. Organization of the classes of physical quantities

Table A.2: Absolute leader classes $[\boldsymbol{f}]$ of polytope $P_{7}^{3}$.

| $\\|\boldsymbol{f}\\|_{\infty}$ | [f] | deg | $N(\boldsymbol{f})$ | \# ([f]) | common physical quantities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | $\left[0^{7}\right]$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | plane angle, redshift ... |
| 1 | [10 ${ }^{6}$ ] | 1 | 1 | 14 | length, mass, time, current |
| 1 | $\left[1^{2} 0^{5}\right]$ | 2 | 2 | 84 | speed, electric charge . . |
| 1 | $\left[1^{3} 0^{4}\right]$ | 3 | 3 | 280 | linear momentum, fluidity |
| 1 | [ $\left.1^{4} 0^{3}\right]$ | 4 | 4 | 560 | unknown |
| 2 | [20 ${ }^{6}$ ] | 2 | 4 | 14 | area, space-time curvature ... |
| 1 | [ $\left.1^{5} 0^{2}\right]$ | 5 | 5 | 672 | unknown |
| 2 | [210 ${ }^{5}$ ] | 3 | 5 | 168 | acceleration, surface density |
| 1 | [ $\left.1^{6} 0\right]$ | 6 | 6 | 448 | unknown |
| 2 | $\left[21^{2} 0^{4}\right]$ | 4 | 6 | 840 | force, energy density ... |
| 1 | [17] | 7 | 7 | 128 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $\left.21^{3} 0^{3}\right]$ | 5 | 7 | 2240 | magnetic vector potential |
| 2 | [ $2^{2} 0^{5}$ ] | 4 | 8 | 84 | gravitational potential... |
| 2 | $\left[21^{4} 0^{2}\right]$ | 6 | 8 | 3360 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $2^{2} 10^{4}$ ] | 5 | 9 | 840 | energy, torque, work... |
| 2 | [ $21^{5} 0$ ] | 7 | 9 | 2688 | unknown |
| 3 | [30 ${ }^{6}$ ] | 3 | 9 | 14 | volume |
| 2 | [ $2^{2} 1^{2} 0^{3}$ ] | 6 | 10 | 3360 | magnetic constant, entropy |
| 2 | [21 ${ }^{6}$ ] | 8 | 10 | 896 | unknown |
| 3 | [310 $\left.{ }^{5}\right]$ | 4 | 10 | 168 | radiance, mass density, jerk |
| 2 | [ $\left.2^{2} 1^{3} 0^{2}\right]$ | 7 | 11 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $31^{2} 0^{4}$ ] | 5 | 11 | 840 | electric charge density |
| 2 | [ $2^{3} 0^{4}$ ] | 6 | 12 | 280 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $\left.2^{2} 1^{4} 0\right]$ | 8 | 12 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $31^{3} 0^{3}$ ] | 6 | 12 | 2240 | electric field, thermal conductivity ... |
| 2 | [ $2^{3} 10^{3}$ ] | 7 | 13 | 2240 | inductance |
| 2 | [ $2^{2} 1^{5}$ ] | 9 | 13 | 2688 | unknown |
| 3 | [320 ${ }^{5}$ ] | 5 | 13 | 168 | absorbed dose rate |
| 3 | [ $31^{4} 0^{2}$ ] | 7 | 13 | 3360 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $\left.2^{3} 1^{2} 0^{2}\right]$ | 8 | 14 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3210^{4}\right]$ | 6 | 14 | 1680 | power, radiant flux ... |
| 3 | [ $\left.31^{5} 0\right]$ | 8 | 14 | 2688 | unknown |
| 2 | $\left[2^{3} 1^{3} 0\right]$ | 9 | 15 | 8960 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $321^{2} 0^{3}$ ] | 7 | 15 | 6720 | electric potential, luminous efficacy ... |
| 3 | $\left[31^{6}\right]$ | 9 | 15 | 896 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $\left.2^{4} 0^{3}\right]$ | 8 | 16 | 560 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $2^{3} 1^{4}$ ] | 10 | 16 | 4480 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $321^{3} 0^{2}$ ] | 8 | 16 | 13440 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $22^{4} 10^{2}$ ] | 9 | 17 | 3360 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $32^{2} 0^{4}$ ] | 7 | 17 | 840 | unknown |
| 3 | [32140] | 9 | 17 | 13440 | unknown |
| $\ldots$ | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |


| $\\|\boldsymbol{f}\\|_{\infty}$ | [f] | deg | $N(\boldsymbol{f})$ | \# ([f]) | common physical quantities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | [ $\left.2^{4} 1^{2} 0\right]$ | 10 | 18 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $\left.3^{2} 0^{5}\right]$ | 6 | 18 | 84 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $322^{2} 10^{3}$ ] | 8 | 18 | 6720 | electrical resistance, impedance |
| 3 | [321 ${ }^{5}$ ] | 10 | 18 | 5376 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $2^{4} 1^{3}$ ] | 11 | 19 | 4480 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3^{2} 10^{4}$ ] | 7 | 19 | 840 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $32^{2} 1^{2} 0^{2}$ ] | 9 | 19 | 20160 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $2^{5} 0^{2}$ ] | 10 | 20 | 672 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $\left.3^{2} 1^{2} 0^{3}\right]$ | 8 | 20 | 3360 | specific resistance ... |
| 3 | [ $\left.32^{2} 1^{3} 0\right]$ | 10 | 20 | 26880 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $2^{5} 10$ ] | 11 | 21 | 2688 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[32^{3} 0^{3}\right]$ | 9 | 21 | 2240 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{2} 1^{3} 0^{2}\right]$ | 9 | 21 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[32^{2} 1^{4}\right]$ | 11 | 21 | 13440 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $2^{5} 1^{2}$ ] | 12 | 22 | 2688 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{2} 20^{4}\right]$ | 8 | 22 | 840 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $322^{3} 10^{2}$ ] | 10 | 22 | 13440 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{2} 1^{4} 0\right]$ | 10 | 22 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3^{2} 210^{3}$ ] | 9 | 23 | 6720 | electrical resistivity |
| 3 | [ $\left.32^{3} 1^{2} 0\right]$ | 11 | 23 | 26880 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3^{2} 1^{5}$ ] | 11 | 23 | 2688 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $\left.2^{6} 0\right]$ | 12 | 24 | 448 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{2} 21^{2} 0^{2}\right]$ | 10 | 24 | 20160 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $32^{3} 1^{3}$ ] | 12 | 24 | 17920 | unknown |
| 2 | [ $\left.2^{6} 1\right]$ | 13 | 25 | 896 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[32^{4} 0^{2}\right]$ | 11 | 25 | 3360 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $\left.3^{2} 21^{3} 0\right]$ | 11 | 25 | 26880 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $\left.3^{2} 2^{2} 0^{3}\right]$ | 10 | 26 | 3360 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $322^{4} 10$ ] | 12 | 26 | 13440 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3^{2} 21^{4}$ ] | 12 | 26 | 13440 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3^{3} 0^{4}$ ] | 9 | 27 | 280 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3^{2} 2^{2} 10^{2}$ ] | 11 | 27 | 20160 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $322^{4} 1^{2}$ ] | 13 | 27 | 13440 | unknown |
| 2 | [27] | 14 | 28 | 128 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3^{3} 10^{3}$ ] | 10 | 28 | 2240 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3^{2} 2^{2} 1^{2} 0$ ] | 12 | 28 | 40320 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3{ }^{3} 1^{2} 0^{2}$ ] | 11 | 29 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $322^{5} 0$ ] | 13 | 29 | 2688 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3^{2} 2^{2} 1^{3}$ ] | 13 | 29 | 26880 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3{ }^{2} 2^{3} 0^{2}$ ] | 12 | 30 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3^{3} 1^{3} 0$ ] | 12 | 30 | 8960 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $32{ }^{5} 1$ ] | 14 | 30 | 5376 | unknown |
| 3 | [ $3^{3} 20^{3}$ ] | 11 | 31 | 2240 | unknown |
| $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | ... |


| $\\|\boldsymbol{f}\\|_{\infty}$ | $[\boldsymbol{f}]$ | $\operatorname{deg}$ | $N(\boldsymbol{f})$ | $\#([\boldsymbol{f}])$ | common physical quantities |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | :--- |
| 3 | $\left[3^{2} 2^{3} 10\right]$ | 13 | 31 | 26880 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{3} 1^{4}\right]$ | 13 | 31 | 4480 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{3} 210^{2}\right]$ | 12 | 32 | 13440 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{2} 2^{3} 1^{2}\right]$ | 14 | 32 | 26880 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{3} 21^{2} 0\right]$ | 13 | 33 | 26880 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[32^{6}\right]$ | 15 | 33 | 896 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{2} 2^{4} 0\right]$ | 14 | 34 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{3} 21^{3}\right]$ | 14 | 34 | 17920 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{3} 2^{2} 0^{2}\right]$ | 13 | 35 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{2} 2^{4} 1\right]$ | 15 | 35 | 13440 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{4} 0^{3}\right]$ | 12 | 36 | 560 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{3} 2^{2} 10\right]$ | 14 | 36 | 26880 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{4} 10^{2}\right]$ | 13 | 37 | 3360 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{3} 2^{2} 1^{2}\right]$ | 15 | 37 | 26880 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{4} 1^{2} 0\right]$ | 14 | 38 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{2} 2^{5}\right]$ | 16 | 38 | 2688 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{3} 2^{3} 0\right]$ | 15 | 39 | 8960 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{4} 1^{3}\right]$ | 15 | 39 | 4480 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{4} 20^{2}\right]$ | 14 | 40 | 3360 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{3} 2^{3} 1\right]$ | 16 | 40 | 17920 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{4} 210\right]$ | 15 | 41 | 13440 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{4} 21^{2}\right]$ | 16 | 42 | 13440 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{3} 2^{4}\right]$ | 17 | 43 | 4480 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{4} 2^{2} 0\right]$ | 16 | 44 | 6720 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{5} 0^{2}\right]$ | 15 | 45 | 672 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{4} 2^{2} 1\right]$ | 17 | 45 | 13440 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{5} 10\right]$ | 16 | 46 | 2688 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{5} 1^{2}\right]$ | 17 | 47 | 2688 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{4} 2^{3}\right]$ | 18 | 48 | 4480 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{5} 20\right]$ | 17 | 49 | 2688 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{5} 21\right]$ | 18 | 50 | 5376 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{5} 2^{2}\right]$ | 19 | 53 | 2688 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{6} 0\right]$ | 18 | 54 | 448 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{6} 1\right]$ | 19 | 55 | 896 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{6} 2\right]$ | 20 | 58 | 896 | unknown |
| 3 | $\left[3^{7}\right]$ | 21 | 63 | 128 | unknown |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table A.3: Common physical quantities outside $P_{7}^{3}$.

| $\\|\boldsymbol{f}\\|_{\infty}$ | $[\boldsymbol{f}]$ | $\boldsymbol{f}$ | physical quantity |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| 4 | $\left[40^{6}\right]$ | $(4,0,0,0,0,0,0)$ | second moment of area |
| 4 | $\left[410^{5}\right]$ | $(1,0,-4,0,0,0,0)$ | jounce |
| $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |


| $\\|\boldsymbol{f}\\|_{\infty}$ | $[\boldsymbol{f}]$ |  | physical quantity |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| 4 | $\left[4210^{4}\right]$ | $(0,-1,4,2,0,0,0)$ | electric polarizability |
| 4 | $\left[4310^{4}\right]$ | $(0,1,-3,0,-4,0,0)$ | Stefan-Boltzmann constant |
| 4 | $\left[4310^{4}\right]$ | $(4,1,-3,0,0,0,0)$ | first radiation constant |
| 4 | $\left[431^{2} 0^{3}\right]$ | $(3,1,-4,-1,0,0,0)$ | electrical mobility |
| 4 | $\left[42^{2} 10^{3}\right]$ | $(-2,-1,4,2,0,0,0)$ | electric capacitance |
| 4 | $\left[43210^{3}\right]$ | $(-3,-1,4,2,0,0,0)$ | electric constant |
| 4 | $\left[43210^{3}\right]$ | $(-3,-1,4,2,0,0,0)$ | permittivity |
| 6 | $\left[62^{3} 0^{3}\right]$ | $(-2,-2,6,2,0,0,0)$ | second hyper-susceptibility |
| 7 | $\left[73210^{3}\right]$ | $(-1,-2,7,3,0,0,0)$ | first hyper-polarizability |
| 10 | $\left[(10) 4320^{3}\right]$ | $(-2,-3,10,4,0,0,0)$ | second hyper-polarizability |

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