

In-class problem linked to lecture pages 257-266

Suppose that a quantity being transported diffusively is measured in units of \otimes and that its density Q in a certain region of space varies as ax^3 . In terms of \otimes , kg, m, and s, what are the units of

- (a) Q ?
- (b) a ?
- (c) the diffusion constant D ?

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unit: kg

$$(a) \text{ density } \rho = Q = ax^3 = \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$(b) ax^3 = \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \Rightarrow a = \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^6}$$

$$(c) D = \frac{n \cdot \bar{v}}{b} = \text{number} \cdot \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$