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**Quantities and Units of Periodic  
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**FOREWORD**

This Ceylon Standard, containing a table of Quantities and Units of Periodic and Related Phenomena, is part of a series of Ceylon Standards dealing with quantities and units in various fields of science and technology. It was adopted as a Ceylon Standard by the Council of the Bureau of Ceylon Standards on 6th December, 1969.

The other parts of the series are:-

C.S. 84 — Part I : 1969 - Basic quantities and units of the SI and quantities and units of space and time.

C.S. 84 — Part III : 1969 - Quantities and units of mechanics.

C.S. 84 — Part IV : 1969 - Quantities and units of heat.

C.S. 84 — Part V : 1969 - Quantities and units of electricity and magnetism.

C.S. 84 — Part VII : 1969 - Quantities and units of acoustics.

C.S. 84 — Part XI : 1971 - Mathematical signs and symbols for use in physical sciences and technology.

This Standard is based on ISO Recommendation R 31 - Part II - 1958 - Quantities and Units of Periodic and Related Phenomena.

## 2. Periodic and related phenomena

### Quantities

Item No.	Quantity	Symbol	Definition	Remarks
2-1.1	periodic time	$T$	Time of one cycle.	
2-2.1	time constant of an exponentially varying quantity	$\bar{t}$ , $(T)$	Time after which the quantity would reach its limit if it maintained its initial rate of variation.	If $F$ is a function of time given by $F(t) = A + B e^{-t/\bar{t}}$ , then $\bar{t}$ is the time constant.
2-3.1	frequency	$f, \nu$	$f = 1/T$	$f$ is mainly used in electrical technology. $\nu$ is mainly used in physics.
2-3.2	rotational frequency	$n$	Number of revolutions divided by time	

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Item No.	Name of unit and in certain cases abbreviation for this name	International symbolic abbreviation for unit	Definition	Conversion factors	Remarks
2-1	second	s	See 0-3*		
2-2	second	s			
2-3.a	hertz	Hz	1 Hz is the frequency of a periodic phenomenon of which the periodic time is 1s		Also called cycle per second, c/s. $1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$
2-3.b	reciprocal second	$\text{s}^{-1}$			
2-3.c	reciprocal minute	$\text{min}^{-1}$			

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Item No.	Quantity	Symbol	Definition	Remarks
2-4.1	angular frequency	$\omega$	$\omega = 2 \pi f$	
2-5.1	wave length	$\lambda$		
2-6.1	wave number	$\sigma, (\tilde{\nu})$	$\sigma = 1/\lambda$	$\tilde{\nu}$ is used in spectroscopy.
2-6.2	circular wave number	$k$	$k = 2 \pi \sigma$	
2-7.1	natural logarithm (Napierian logarithm) of the ratio of two amplitudes	$\log_e (A_1/A_2)^{1)}$		<sup>1)</sup> Not to be used in this form in electrical engineering for the amplitudes of energy and power



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Item. No.	Name of unit and in certain cases abbreviation for this name	International symbolic abbreviation for unit	Definition	Conversion factors	Remarks
2-4	reciprocal second	s <sup>-1</sup>			
2-5.a	metre	m	See 0-1*		
2-5.b	nanometre	nm	See-1.3c*		
2-6	reciprocal metre	m <sup>-1</sup>			The "cm <sup>-1</sup> " used in spectroscopy is equal to 10 <sup>-2</sup> m <sup>-1</sup> see 1-3.c*
2-7	neper	Np			The name neper is used for the pure number 1 which is the unit of the quantity 2-7.1  If the amplitude ratio is equal to the square root of a power ratio, 1 Np corresponds to (20 log <sub>10</sub> e) dB = 8.685 890 dB, see 2-8. The abbreviation N is generally used in the technology of telecommunication.

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Item No.	Quantity	Symbol	Definition	Remarks
2-8.1	ten times the common (Briggsian) logarithm of the ratio of two powers (or energies)	$10 \log_{10} (P_1/P_2)$		
2-9.1	damping coefficient	$\delta$	If $F$ is a function of time given by $F(t) = Ae^{-\delta t} \sin \frac{2\pi(t-t_0)}{T}$ then $\delta$ is the damping coefficient.	
2-10.1	logarithmic decrement	$A$	$A = T\delta$ , where $T$ and $\delta$ are as in the formula of 2-9.1	This quantity is a pure number.
2-11.1	attenuation coefficient	$\alpha$	If a quantity is a function of distance $x$ given by $F(x) = Ae^{-\alpha x} \cos \beta(x-x_0)$ then $\alpha$ is the attenuation coefficient	
2-11.2 2-11.3	phase coefficient propagation coefficient	$\beta$ $\gamma$	and $\beta$ is the phase coefficient. $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$	

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2-8	decibel	dB			<p>The name decibel is used for the pure number 1 which is the unit of the quantity 2-8.1 If the power ratio is equal to the square of an amplitude ratio, 1 dB corresponds to <math>\left(\frac{\log_e 10}{20}\right) \text{Np} = 0.115\ 129\ 3 \text{ Np}</math>. see 2-7.</p> <p>The abbreviation db is generally used in the technology of telecommunication.</p>
2-9	reciprocal second	$\text{s}^{-1}$			<p>In the technology of telecommunication often called neper per second.</p>
2-11.a	reciprocal metre	$\text{m}^{-1}$			<p>In the technology of telecommunication often called neper per metre.</p>



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