



Analysis of Units and Conversions

Chapter Section 1.4

Dimensional Analysis

- o A method to convert from one unit to another using **conversion factors**
- o Conversion factors are equal to one so they change the unit without changing the data (25kg is equal to 55lbs).
- o Convert 25lbs to Kg

$$o \quad 25\cancel{\text{kg}} \times \frac{2.2\text{lbs}}{1\cancel{\text{kg}}} = 55\text{lbs}$$

o Convert 3240 yards to km

$$3240 \text{ yards} \times \frac{1.09 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ yard}} \times \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} = 3.53 \text{ km}$$

What is 13.5 kg in μg ?

A. $1.35 \times 10^{10} \mu g$

B. $1.35 \times 10^7 \mu g$

C. $1.35 \times 10^8 \mu g$

D. $1.35 \times 10^4 \mu g$

A. $1.35 \times 10^{10} \mu g$

$$13.5 \text{kg} \times \frac{1000 \text{g}}{1 \text{kg}} \times \frac{1 \times 10^6 \mu g}{1 \text{g}} = 1.35 \times 10^{10} \mu g$$

Derived Unit Conversions

- o Composed of more than one unit (m/s) or (g/mL)
- o Involves more canceling of units so keep your conversion factors CLEAR
- o 3.45 mg/mL to kg/L

$$o \frac{3.45\text{mg}}{1\text{ mL}} \times \frac{1\text{g}}{1000\text{mg}} \times \frac{1\text{kg}}{1000\text{g}} \times \frac{1000\text{mL}}{1\text{ L}} =$$

$$o 3.45 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/L}$$

Convert the density of gold
from 19200 mg/mL to kg/L

A. 19200kg/L

B. 1.92×10^{-2} kg/L

C. 1.92×10^4 kg/L

D. 19.2 kg/L

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Derived Units as a Conversion Factor

- o Allows us to convert from different measures
 - o Rate to convert between distance and time
 - o Density to convert between mass and volume

How to use derived units as a conversion factor

- o Decide what form of the conversion factor to use: g/mL or the reciprocal, mL/g.
- o Arrange the conversion with units only making sure the cancellation is correct
- o Calculate
- o Express with correct sig figs

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Sample Problem — Use of Density as a Conversion Factor

What is the volume in L of a 15.0 kg piece of zinc metal? (Density of Zn = 7.13 g/mL)

What to Think about

1. Decide what form of the conversion factor to use: g/mL or the reciprocal, mL/g.

Always begin by arranging the factors using *units only*. As the answer will contain one unit, begin with one unit, in this case, kg.

2. Insert the appropriate numerical values for each conversion factor.

In order to cancel a mass and convert to a volume, use the reciprocal of the density:

$$\frac{1\text{ mL}}{7.13\text{ g}}$$

3. Calculate the answer with correct unit and number of significant digits.

How to Do It

$$15.0\text{ kg} \times \frac{\text{g}}{\text{kg}} \times \frac{\text{mL}}{\text{g}} \times \frac{\text{L}}{\text{mL}} = \text{L}$$

$$15.0\text{ kg} \times \frac{10^3\text{ g}}{1\text{ kg}} \times \frac{1\text{ mL}}{7.13\text{ g}} \times \frac{10^{-3}\text{ L}}{1\text{ mL}} = 2.10\text{ L}$$

What is the volume of a 13.0kg piece of Aluminum ?(Density of Al 2.70 g/mL)

- A. 35.1 L
- B. 4.81 L
- C. 3.51×10^{-3} L
- D. 4.81×10^{-3} L

B. 4.81 L

The density of copper is 8.96 g/mL, what is the mass of 6.0L?

A. 53.76 g

B. 53000 kg

C. 54kg

D. 54g

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The speed of sound is 330m/s. If you count 12 s after seeing a flash of lightning, how many km is it away?

- A. 4.0 km
- B. 3.96 km
- C. 0.036km
- D. 4.0×10^{-2} km

A. 4.0 km

How to cancel units with exponents (m^3)

- Write it more than once (p.52)

$$0.35 \text{ m}^3 \times \frac{1 \text{ cm}}{10^{-2} \text{ m}} \times \frac{1 \text{ cm}}{10^{-2} \text{ m}} \times \frac{1 \text{ cm}}{10^{-2} \text{ m}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ cm}^3}$$
$$= 3.5 \times 10^5 \text{ mL}$$

- Use brackets and exponents

$$0.35 \text{ m}^3 \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ cm}}{10^{-2} \text{ m}} \right)^3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ cm}^3} = 3.5 \times 10^5 \text{ mL}$$

Conversion factor



Atmospheric pressure on mars is
0.090 lb/in². Express in
g/cm²(Given 454 g = 1.00 lb)

- A. 6.33 g/cm²
- B. 16.1 g/cm²
- C. 16 g/cm²
- D. 6.3 g/cm²

D. 6.3 g/cm^2

Temperature

- o The measure of heat
- o The average kinetic energy of the particles is sample of matter
- o Celsius, Kelvin and Fahrenheit
- o Absolute zero is -273.15°C or 0K

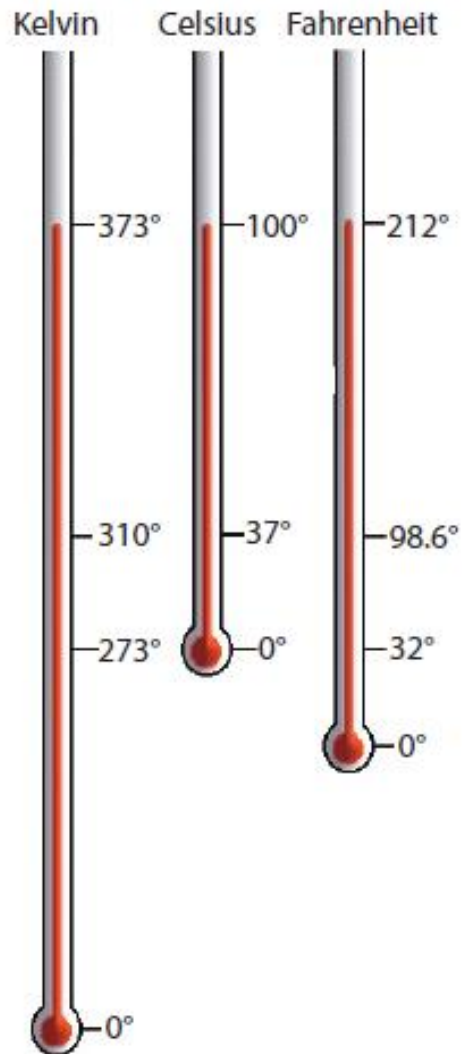


Figure 1.4.3 *The three commonly used temperature scales*

Common Scales

- Notice that 1 °C is equal to 1 K
- But 1 °C is equal to 1.8 °F

Temperature

- o The number of significant figures in a temperature is determined using the rule of precision.
- o Use the precision of the given
- o There is no degree symbol ($^{\circ}$) placed before K.

Converting between

$$T_F = \frac{1.8^\circ\text{F}}{1^\circ\text{C}} (T_C) + 32^\circ\text{F} \quad \text{and} \quad T_C = (T_F - 32^\circ\text{F}) \times \frac{1^\circ\text{C}}{1.8^\circ\text{F}}$$

$$T_K = T_C \frac{(1\text{ K})}{(1^\circ\text{C})} + 273.15\text{ K} \quad \text{and} \quad T_C = (T_K - 273.15\text{ K}) \times \frac{1^\circ\text{C}}{1\text{ K}}$$

What would 19.8°C be in $^{\circ}\text{F}$?

A. 290°F

B. -6.22°F

C. 67.6°F

D. 54.2°F

C. 67.6 °F

Convert $-88.7\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to K

A. -184.45 K

B. 184.45 K

C. -127.7 K

D. -67.1 K

B. 184.45 K

Convert 125 °F to K

A. -325 K

B. 398 K

C. 325 K

D. -398 K

C. 325 K

Homework

- o **Problem Set- due Friday**
- o **Finish workbook questions**



More Questions

o Question:

Levoxyl is a drug used to treat hypothyroidism. If a patient takes one 75 μg tablet per day, how many milligrams of Levoxyl are in their 1 month (30 day) supply?

2.3 g

$$\frac{75 \mu\text{g}}{\text{day}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mg}}{1000 \mu\text{g}} \times \frac{30 \text{ days}}{1 \text{ month}} = 2.3 \text{ g}$$

A popular web site states that a 130 pound person will burn 472 Cal/hr bicycling (moderate effort) and 649 Cal/hr rock climbing (ascending).

Alexandra (who happens to weigh 130 pounds) has decided to start a training program bicycling for 45 minutes, 3 times/week as well as rock climbing for 1.5 hours every Saturday. How many extra Calories will Alexandra burn in 8 weeks of training? What percentage of those calories are from bicycling?

o 16000 and 52% from cycling

bicycling:

$$\frac{45 \text{ min}}{\text{workout}} \times \frac{3 \text{ workouts}}{\text{week}} \times \frac{8 \text{ weeks}}{\text{training program}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} \times \frac{472 \text{ Cal}}{\text{hr}} = 8496 \frac{\text{Cal}}{\text{training program}}$$

rockclimbing:

$$\frac{1.5 \text{ hr}}{\text{workout}} \times \frac{1 \text{ workout}}{\text{week}} \times \frac{8 \text{ weeks}}{\text{training program}} \times \frac{649 \text{ Cal}}{\text{hr}} = 7788 \frac{\text{Cal}}{\text{training program}}$$

total: 8496 Cal + 7788 Cal = 16,284 (round to 2 sig figs) = 16,000 Cal

% from bicycling: 52%

- o Brad's computer has 23.5 GB (gigabytes: $1 \text{ GB} = 1024 \text{ MB}$) of free space. His drive has a capacity of 40.0 GB. A typical writable CD will hold about 700 MB of electronic material.
- o How many CD's does Brad need to completely back up his computer?

25 (possibly more)

$$\text{Used Space} : 40.0 \text{ GB} - 23.5 \text{ GB} = 16.5 \text{ GB}$$

$$16.5 \text{ GB} \times \frac{1024 \text{ MB}}{1 \text{ GB}} \times \frac{1 \text{ CD}}{700 \text{ MB}} = 24.1 \text{ CDs}$$

As the material will fill over 24 CDs, Brad will need at least 25 to back up his computer - and possibly more as he may not be able to fill each CD to capacity.

If he were to use floppies: