

Doing: Lab Experiments

Metric Measurement [Experiment #1]
(Course/ Lab Manual pp. 9-11; pp. 12-15 [Report Form])

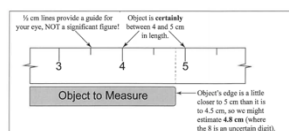
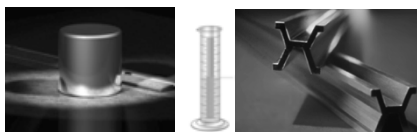


Figure 1. Using the centimeter ruler

Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement

- Goal: Using instruments having different levels of precision, make accurate measurements of length, area, volume, and mass
- Convert measurements to different units using Dimensional Analysis

Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement

Work with a partner

- Keep separate records. On each partner's Lab **REPORT FORM**, write your name first & then your partner's in ()

S. Green (D. Green)
and on your partner's form
D. Green / S. Green

Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement

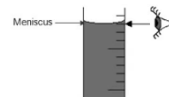
- Do each measurement separately and independently. Then, compare your value with your partner's. The values should be very close within the precision limits of the device used. If not, repeat the measurement together and correct the Report Form entries.

Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement Mass Measurement with an Electronic Balance:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtnPiKSKKtI>

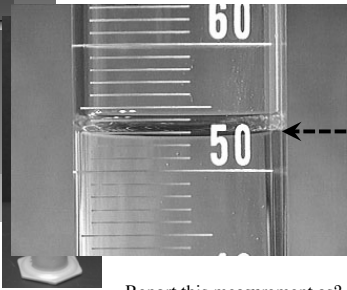
Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement Volume Measurement (Liquids)



Measure at the
**bottom of the
meniscus at eye
level**

Measurements with a Graduated Cylinder:

Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement
Measurement with a 100 mL Graduated Cylinder:

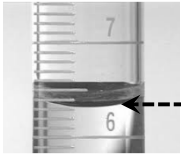


Take out the cylinder; pour some water into it.

Report this measurement as? 52.9 mL

What is the volume of water in your cylinder?


Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement
Measurement with a 10 mL Graduated Cylinder:



Report this measurement as? 6.31 mL

Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement

- Important to record **measurements** to the correct limits of the equipment used (i.e. uncertainty/significant figures). NOTE: For this experiment the uncertainty limits (+/-) of the equipment is to be included.
- Uncertainty limits are not normally included in calculations but are inferred from the correctly reported significant figure in the experimental value.
- Estimating to 6.30 mL is ok if the meniscus is viewed to be exactly on the mark.

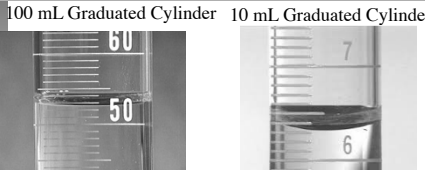


Report: 6.30 +/- 0.01 mL

- Estimating to 6.31 mL is also ok if the meniscus is viewed to be off the mark.

Report: 6.31 +/- 0.01 mL

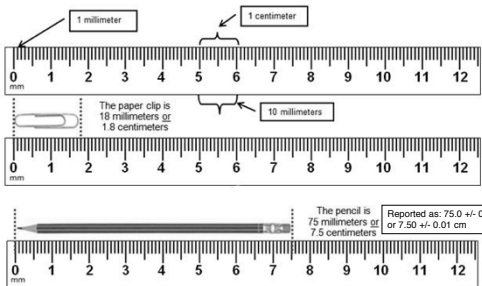
Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement
Measurement with a Graduated Cylinder:



Measurement: 52.9 +/- 0.1mL Measurement: 6.31 +/- 0.01mL

- Notice the difference in precision (uncertainty) with each instrument used and their maximum capacities

Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement
Measurement with a centimeter/millimeter ruler (Length)



The paper clip is 10 millimeters or 1.0 centimeters

The pencil is 75 millimeters or 7.5 centimeters

Reported as: 75.0 +/- 0.1 mm or 7.50 +/- 0.01 cm

Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement

- When measuring glassware with the ruler, use inner diameter of glassware, NOT outer diameter. Why?
- Experimental error will occur:
When pouring water out of test tube into graduated cylinder, some is always left in test tube; how does this systematic error affect accuracy of measured volume?
- Is the beaker a perfect cylinder?
- Think about how equipment and handling; relate this to measurements and “systematic” errors.
- “Human Error” is **NOT** acceptable error.

Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement

“Human Error” is **NOT** acceptable in scientific measurements..... as in aeronautics.

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Experiment 1 – Metric Measurement

Complete and record all measurements today.



Conversions and calculations due next lab.

Mathematics & Measurements

To determine if a number truly is a world's record in a sport or equation, the time that passed between the start and finish must be carefully measured and compared to the world records. Since time can be measured and expressed as an amount, it is called a quantity. For example, two minutes, and five hours are examples of quantities of time. Other familiar quantities that are important to chemistry include mass (similar to the more familiar weight), length, volume, temperature, and density.

The International System of Units

In 1960, a group of scientists from many fields and many countries agreed upon a set of units and the world now has a standard for scientific communication. This standard set of units is known as the International System of Units and is abbreviated SI (the difference is derived from the French spelling of "Système International d'Unités").

Quantity	U.S.	SI Base Unit	Chemistry
Mass (weight)	Pound (lb)	Kilogram (kg)	"Gram"
Volume	Gallon (gal)	Liter (L)	"L"
Temperature	Fahrenheit (°F)	Celsius (°C)	"Kelvin" (K)
Length	Miles (mi)	Meter (m)	"Meters per second"
Time	Second (s)	Second (s)	"Moles per liter"

SI Base Unit Equivalents	SI Base Unit	SI Base Unit	SI Base Unit
Mass	Kilogram (kg)	Gram (g)	1,000 grams = 1 kg
Volume	Liter (L)	Milliliter (mL)	1,000 mL = 1 L

Reading (Handout)

<http://chemconnections.org/general/chem108/Math%20%26%20Measurement-2018.pdf>

Unit Conversions—Dimensional Analysis

It is necessary to convert a measurement from one system of units to another, particularly for changes and reactions of the chemical system. In spite of the fact that all other countries of the world and all scientists use the metric system to express quantitative data, the U.S. still clings to an archaic British system of measurement, which even today includes too many units, having replaced it with the metric system.

For example, when your physician prescribes medication, he or she needs to convert your body weight to kilograms because dosages are usually expressed in milligrams of medication per kilogram of body weight. To convert a quantity from one system of units to another, medical personnel, scientists, and engineers frequently use a procedure called dimensional analysis.

Measured quantities are always represented by a number and its associated unit, such as 1.9 pounds or 1.5 inches. If you think of the number as a fraction that multiplies the unit, you can apply standard algebraic conventions when you convert a measured quantity from one system of units to another. For example, to convert 1.43 kilograms to pounds, you multiply the given units, kilograms, by a conversion factor that algebraically cancels the kilogram unit and yields pounds. Here's the conversion:

$$1.43 \text{ kg} \times \frac{2.205 \text{ lb}}{1 \text{ kg}} = 3.15 \text{ lb}$$

Dimensional analysis works because the given unit is always multiplied by a conversion factor that is equal to one. The conversion factor comes from an equation that relates the given unit to the wanted, or desired, unit. For example, the equation

$$1 \text{ kg} = 2.205 \text{ lb}$$

defines the relationship between kilograms and pounds. If we divide both sides of this equation by 1 kg, we get a fraction that is equal to one:

$$\frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1 \text{ kg}} = 1 = \frac{2.205 \text{ lb}}{1 \text{ kg}}$$

The expression 2.205 lb/1 kg is a conversion factor that changes kilograms to pounds or vice versa.

Reading (Handout)

<http://chemconnections.org/general/chem108/WKS%20Reading%20Unit%20Conversion%20-%20Dimensional%20A.pdf>

Converting squared or cubic units

➤ When using linear factors conversion factors to “square” or “cube” be sure to square or cube the factor

e.g.) Convert 6.81 mm^2 to cm^2

$$10 \text{ mm} = 1 \text{ cm}$$

From: 6.81 mm^2 To: cm^2

$$\frac{6.81 \text{ mm}^2}{1} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ cm}}{10 \text{ mm}} \right)^2 = 6.81 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2$$

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Experiment 1 – Metric Measurement

Complete and record all measurements today.

Have Dr. R. sign **individual** forms before leaving lab today.

Only your measurement data is due to be signed today.
Conversions and calculations due next lab.

Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement

Example of an acceptable set of student data, conversions, and calculations.
DO NOT COPY.

Use as a guide.

$$1. 4.60 \text{ mL} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ mL}} = 0.0046 \text{ L}$$

$$2. 3.10 \text{ mL} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ mL}} = 0.0031 \text{ L}$$

$$3. 10.05 \text{ mL} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ mL}} = 0.01005 \text{ L}$$

$$4. 8.33 + 9.18 + 7.61 = 25.12 \text{ mL} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ mL}} = 0.02512 \text{ L}$$

Name: _____

Worksheet: Units, Measurements, & Conversions

1. How many significant figures are there in the following numbers?

a) 42,000 L _____ b) 9.000 g _____

c) 0.0003 m _____ d) 400,000,000 km _____

2. Complete the table. Provide ordinary decimal form or scientific notation and the type of unit. The first line has been completed as an example for mass.

Ordinary Decimal Form	Scientific Notation
3.400 kg (mass)	$3.400 \times 10^3 \text{ g}$
1200 mL ()	mL
1.500 g ()	$1.500 \times 10^3 \text{ g}$
0.00250 g ()	g
1.000000 mm ()	$1.000000 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}$

3. How many significant figures in the numeric value would be appropriate for each of the following values using the specified units?

The speed of a car in miles per hour as read from a speedometer when traveling at the speed limit on Viking Drive (25 mph)

Your weight using the _____

Worksheet (Handout): Due next lab. Collaboration is encouraged.
Turn in one with the names of all contributors.
<http://chemconnections.org/general/chem108/Math%20Conversion%20-%20Dimensional%20A.pdf>

Name: _____

Worksheet: Dimensional Analysis

In this worksheet, we will use a group problem-solving method called a round robin. The round robin method helps people to work together and find similarities with group problem solving.

Round Robin Instructions

1. Each group member will be assigned a number, starting with #1 and ending with the number of people in the group.

2. Student #1 will read the question aloud and define the information needed to solve the problem. Stop #1 in the middle.

3. When the group agrees that the necessary information is complete, student number two will do the first mathematical step. Stop #2 in the middle. When the group agrees that the step is correct, student number three will do the next step. Continue this way until the group agrees that the given unit has been correctly converted to the wanted unit.

4. Student #2 will start the next question by reading it aloud as in #1. Follow this pattern for all of the questions in the worksheet.

Questions

Use dimensional analysis and the group round robin to answer each question. Record your solution and enter in the space provided on this worksheet. Turn in the worksheet when done.

OPTIONAL: Chem 120, General Chemistry Level
Workshop/ Worksheet (Handout)
<http://chemconnections.org/general/chem108/WKS%20Unit%20Conversion%20-%20Dimensional%20A.pdf>

Answers will not be provided; see Dr. R. with any questions after attempting the Worksheet's problems