

Doing: Lab Experiments

Metric Measurement [Experiment #1: Week 3]
(Course/ Lab Manual pp. 9-11; pp. 12-15 [Report Form])

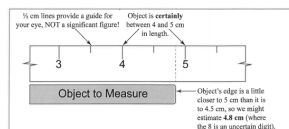
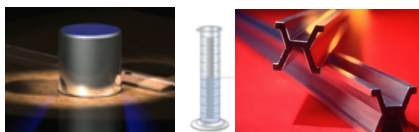


Figure 1. Using the centimeter ruler

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 ()

Report Form - Metric Measurement

1. Equipment chosen

2. Length and Area

Length	Width	Area
1. Paper	10.0 cm	10.0 cm
2. Paper	10.0 cm	10.0 cm
3. Paper	10.0 cm	10.0 cm

Area of Paper (Show your calculations in the last page of the Report Form.)

Length	Width	Area
1. Paper	10.0 cm	10.0 cm
2. Paper	10.0 cm	10.0 cm
3. Paper	10.0 cm	10.0 cm

and on your partner's form

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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.

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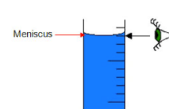
Mass Measurement with an Electronic Balance:



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

Exp. 1 – Metric Measurement

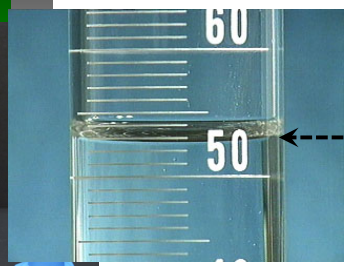
Volume Measurement (Liquids)



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:



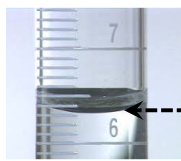
meniscus
bottom of the meniscus at eye level

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:




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

meniscus

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.

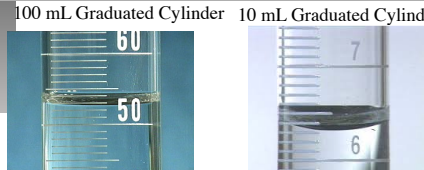


Report: 6.30 +/- 0.01 mL

- 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:

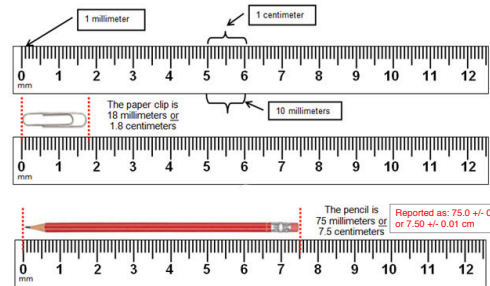


100 mL Graduated Cylinder 10 mL Graduated Cylinder

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)



1 millimeter 1 centimeter

The paper clip is 10 millimeters or 1.8 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 is a unit, a unit is defined as a quantity, the size that is used to measure the unit and that must be used to measure and compare the world around us. Units that can be measured and compared are called quantities. For example, mass, length, and time are examples of quantities. Other familiar quantities that are important to chemistry include mass (similar to the mass 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 that the world uses as a standard for scientific communication. This standard set of units is known as the International System of Units and is abbreviated SI. The differences between the SI and the metric system are small, but they are important. The SI system is based on the metric system, but it has some differences. The SI system is based on the metric system, but it has some differences. The SI system is based on the metric system, but it has some differences.

Quantity	SI Unit	SI Unit (Symbol)	Common Unit
Mass (weight)	Gram (g)	Kilogram (kg)	"Ounce"
Volume	Liter (L)	Liter (L)	"Gallon"
Length	Meter (m)	Meter (m)	"Foot"
Time	Second (s)	Second (s)	"Minute"

SI Base Units	SI Base Unit	SI Base Unit (Symbol)	SI Base Unit (Symbol)
Mass	Kilogram	kg	1,000 grams
Length	Meter	m	1,000 millimeters
Volume	Liter	L	1,000 milliliters

Reading (Handout)

<http://chemconnections.org/general/chem108/Math%20Unit%20Conversion%20-%20Dimensional%20Analysis.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 no longer units, being replaced by 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, standard procedures, 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 1.7 inches. If you think of the number as a factor 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 1.9 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:

$$1.9 \text{ kg} \times \frac{2.205 \text{ lb}}{1 \text{ kg}} = 4.1895 \text{ lb}$$

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 factor 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%20Analysis.pdf>

Converting squared or cubic units

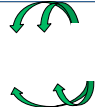
➤ When using linear factors conversion factors to “square” or “cube” be sure to square or cube the factor

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

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

From: 6.81 mm^2 To: cm^2

$$\frac{6.81 \text{ mm}^2}{1}$$



$$= 6.81 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2$$

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

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.

Worksheet: Units, Measurements, & Conversions

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

a) 42,000 L _____ b) 8,000 g _____
c) 0.000 35 _____ 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)	3.40 × 10³ g
1200 mL ()	_____
_____ ()	1.05 × 10⁻³ m
0.00250 g ()	_____
_____ ()	2.75 × 10⁻³ mol
1.05000 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%20%26%20Measurements-WKS.f18.pdf>

Worksheet: Dimensional Analysis

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 rules 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